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March 18, 2014

The Honorable Tim Huelskamp  
U.S. House of Representatives  
129 Cannon HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
Fax: (202) 225-5124

Re: March 17, 2014 NCAA Tournament Campaign Lottery Solicitation

Dear Representative Huelskamp:

This office recently received an inquiry from a citizen of Douglas County, Kansas, about an email that had been directed to them. The email offered the recipient a chance to win four tickets to watch all the Kansas teams play at the 2014 NCAA Tournament March 22-23, 2014, in St. Louis in exchange for payment of not less than ten dollars. The email provided a deadline and stated the winner of the tickets would be determined by random chance.

This office receives such inquiries from time to time and our answer is always the same: Such contests are illegal lotteries under Kansas law. K.S.A. 21-6403(b) is explicit in this regard. The three elements of an illegal lottery are consideration, a prize and the winner of the prize is determined by chance.

We are contacting you about this inquiry because, from all appearances, the email purports to have been sent by you. We write to make you aware this email is being circulated and, if it is, in fact, attributable to you, to advise you that operating such a lottery is a Level 8 non-person felony under Kansas law. Please refer to K.S.A. 21-6406(a)(1)(D).

If this solicitation was not from or authorized by you, we thought you should be made aware it exists. If this solicitation was authorized by you, we would request that you immediately contact any persons to whom such a solicitation was directed that any money they paid to participate in this lottery will be immediately returned to them upon request. Such persons should also be told they may remain eligible to receive the prize without regard to whether they paid any consideration to participate.

To assist us with any further complaints or inquiries we might receive, we further request that you provide this office no later than March 26, 2014, verifiable proof of to whom, in Douglas County, this solicitation was directed and proof that you have contacted these same persons with the information outlined above. Please include evidence of whether the recipient requested a return of their money and, if so, proof that the money was returned. If no response was received, the money should be returned. Since the jurisdiction of this office is Douglas County, Kansas, we are forwarding a copy of this letter to the Kansas Attorney General.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (785) 841-0211 if you did not send the attached email. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Branson  
District Attorney

Pc: Kansas Attorney General with attachment

From: **Tim Huelskamp** <[huelskampforcongress@rurallink.net](mailto:huelskampforcongress@rurallink.net)>

Date: Mon, Mar 17, 2014 at 2:25 PM

Subject: Win NCAA Tournament Tickets

To: [REDACTED]



March 17, 2014

Dear [REDACTED]

I am so excited that **all of our Kansas basketball teams are playing in St. Louis for the first round of the NCAA Tournament!** That's right, the Kansas State Wildcats, the Wichita State Shockers and the Kansas Jayhawks all play this Friday in St. Louis--and when they win, on Sunday as well!

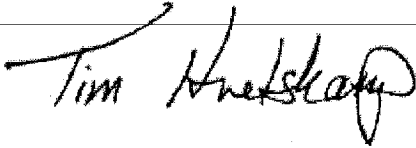
To celebrate this exciting occasion, I am pleased to announce an opportunity to secure 4 tickets to see all of our Kansas teams play in St. Louis in the 2014 NCAA Tournament. These tickets are good for all the NCAA games in St. Louis on both Friday and Sunday, so you can follow your favorite Kansas team for the entire weekend.

**A online contribution to our campaign of at least \$10 between now and 8 a.m. Wednesday morning will enter you in the drawing.** The winner of these four tickets will be randomly chosen at 9:00am on Wednesday morning.

Celebrate with me the success of our Kansas basketball teams and enter this opportunity for NCAA Tournament tickets right away.

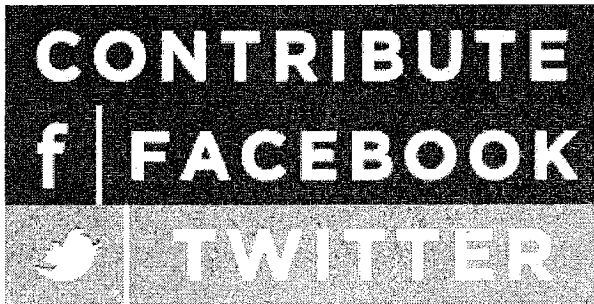
And please join me in rooting for the Wildcats, Shockers and Jayhawks in the 2014 NCAA tournament!

In Liberty,



Tim Huelskamp  
Member of Congress


P.S. Shocker fans. Jayhawks fans. Wildcats fans. Show us your team spirit. **Tell us who you support by posing your comments to the giving stream when you make your contribution.**



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