



STATE OF FLORIDA

BILL McCOLLUM
ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 1, 2010

The Honorable Robert L. "Skip" Jarvis, Jr.
State Attorney
Third Judicial Circuit of Florida
100 Court Street SE
Live Oak, Florida 32064

Dear State Attorney Jarvis:

Based on recent news reports, it is my understanding that you have terminated Assistant State Attorney KrisAnne Hall for speaking at Tea Party rallies. Your response to her free speech activity is of concern to me.

News reports state that Ms. Hall was speaking about educating oneself on the Founding Fathers and the U.S. Constitution. As you know, the Constitution's First Amendment vigorously protects free speech, particularly political speech. Although I have not personally reviewed any contract you may have with your employees, it is difficult to see any nexus between Ms. Hall's free speech activities and her employment.

Therefore, I write to strongly urge you to reconsider your termination of Ms. Hall in respect to our nation's honored tradition of free speech.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill McCollum", written in a cursive style.

Bill McCollum