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Secretary of State Brad Johnson  
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Dear Brad:

I respectfully decline your request to initiate an investigation into the remarks made by the governor earlier this year in a speech in Philadelphia. The accusations contain no allegation supported by fact.

Rather, the "citizen complaint" you refer to in your letter is solely based on the admittedly intemperate remarks of a speaker trying to be funny.

All of us would do well to choose our words carefully.

The misuse of the criminal justice system for political purposes is a serious matter. It is inappropriate to use a public office as election-season PR for a political blogger or any other special interest.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGrath".

**MIKE McGRATH**  
Attorney General

cc: Tamara Hall

