



NAACP

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE

December 12, 2022

Via Email and Regular Mail

O'Linda Watkins McSurely
144 Leake Street
Carthage, North Carolina 28327

Re: Cease-and-Desist Letter

Dear Mrs. Watkins McSurely:

On or about October 26, 2022, the NAACP National Office sent a letter to you demanding that you immediately cease and desist making disparaging and defamatory statements against the National NAACP and the North Carolina State Conference NAACP.

Due to your failure to comply with the cease-and-desist letter, the National NAACP suspended your membership on or about December 2, 2022. In that letter, the National NAACP directed you to immediately cease and desist from holding yourself out as a member of the NAACP.

In defiance of our cease-and-desist demand, you continue to function as the Moore County Branch NAACP President. More specifically, on or about December 6, 2022, you did an interview with ABC 11 regarding the power outage in Carthage and its impact on the Jackson Terrace Community. During that interview, you represented yourself as a member and/or officer of the NAACP. Your actions are in violation of the December 2, 2022, letter suspending your NAACP membership.

If you continue to violate our demand to cease and desist, the National NAACP will pursue all available legal options and remedies. If you have any questions, you may contact General Counsel Janette McCarthy Wallace at jlouard@naacpnet.org.

Sincerely,

Derrick Johnson
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Leon W. Russell, Chair, National Board of Directors
Gloria J. Sweet-Love, Chair, Committee on Membership and Units
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