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An **open letter to Kenny Kidd** and other supporters of Rep. Richard Morgan:

The reason that North Carolina's largest counties' 2004 Republican conventions both passed anti-Morgan resolutions **unanimously** is that **Richard Morgan is not a Republican!**

Kenny, we have no Republican Speaker. We have two Democrat co-speakers.

Kenny, **I was very slow to accept that sad conclusion.** Most of the Republicans who pay attention to what goes on in the NCGA had concluded that Morgan was a traitor even a year ago, when I was still stubbornly clinging to the hope that he wouldn't be all that bad.

But Morgan totally sold us out, on everything! He is not a Republican in any meaningful sense of the word.

Kenny, a year ago, after Morgan undercut the Republican Caucus with his deal with the Democrats, the 2003 Wake County Republican convention voted to condemn him. I opposed that action.

Did you read that? **Last year, I opposed the resolution condemning Richard Morgan.** I agreed that the deal he struck with the Democrats was underhanded and bad for Republicans. But I wanted to give him more time to show that, once in power, he would work for the Republican agenda.

Not only did I vote against the resolution, I spoke against it, and I attempted to defeat it through procedural maneuvers. Nevertheless, despite my best efforts to defeat it (along with Bill Peaslee, Frank Johnson, Jim Anderson and Seth Mauseth), the resolution condemning Richard Morgan passed by a lopsided margin.

Boy oh boy, **I was wrong!** In my **worst nightmare**, I never dreamed that Richard Morgan would sell us out so thoroughly.

At this year's 2004 Wake County Republican Convention, I stood up and apologized to everyone there for what I had done a year ago. A year ago, I hoped that Richard Morgan would work for Republican legislation and the conservative ideals that he once pretended to support. I have never been more completely wrong.

Morgan has **pledged not to oppose the Democrats** who supported his "coalition" with Jim Black. That means **all of them** (well, all the incumbents, anyhow), since all the Democrats voted for his coalition. **Instead, he will work to defeat the Republicans** who opposed the coalition.

Morgan does not even "organize" with the Republicans. Like Jim Jeffords, Morgan prefers the company of Democrats. The House Republican Caucus doesn't even meet anymore. Instead, Morgan meets with fellow Democrat leaders Black and Culpepper and Faires (who is his Chief of Staff).

By the way, Faires was a high-ranking Democrat official in the Easley administration before she went to work for Morgan. But since Morgan is now a Democrat in all but name, of course **he hired a big-shot Democrat to be his chief of staff.**

Imagine how different things would be if Morgan had not betrayed us!

If Morgan had not sold us out:

- They would not have passed **Democrat gerrymanders** of both the House and Senate.

Every single Republican Senator opposed them. But the Democrats have a majority in the NC Senate, so they rammed it through anyhow. In the House, however, there is a 61-to-59 Republican majority, so we could have stopped the Democrats... **if Morgan hadn't sided with the Democrats!**

Their purpose is to ensure continued **Democrat control** of the NC Senate, to prevent Republicans from regaining control of the NC House, and to **disenfranchise the voters** by drastically reducing the number of competitive districts.

In 2002, House Republicans had a 10.2% advantage over Democrats in number of votes cast, so we should control the chamber! In 1988, when Democrats won by a similar margin (11.4%), they got 74 out of 120 seats! But all analysts agree (even Morgan-friendly NC FREE!) that the Morgan/Democrat plan gives the Democrats tighter control of the Senate (even when Republicans get more votes!), and puts the two parties in approximate parity in the House.

The NC Republican Party publicly condemned these redistricting plans as blatant Democrat gerrymanders. Republican legislators overwhelmingly opposed them. But not Richard Morgan. He personally presided in the House and rammed them through. He allowed no debate. He allowed no amendments.

Even 2/3 of the Republican House members bravely voted against this plan, in spite of Morgan's legendary vindictiveness and the danger that he will "punish" those Republicans who voted against him and the Democrats. Of the 83 other Republicans in the legislature, only 19 voted with Morgan in favor of the gerrymander.

If the Courts uphold these districts, the Democrats will probably be able to keep control of the legislature even if they can't get nearly as many votes as the Republicans get.

Plus, if Morgan had not sold us out:

- We wouldn't have passed a \$390.01 million **tax increase** for the current fiscal year (FY 2004, which ends 6/30/2004), and a \$632.5 million tax increase for the next fiscal year (FY 2005, which is 7/1/2004-6/30/2005), both of **which every Republican Senator voted against**. The Senate **Republicans backed a plan that required no tax increases**. But the **Democrats and Morgan** rammed through big tax increases while protecting their "Golden Leaf" tobacco slush fund:

Comparison of Net Tax Increase to Senate Republican and Democrat Proposals

Democ= Senate Democrat budget (passed by the Senate 4/30/2003, with every Republican opposed)

Repub= Senate Republican alternative budget (defeated in Senate)

Final= Final budget, passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Easley

All amounts are in millions of dollars:

| | <u>FY 2004</u> | <u>FY 2005</u> | <u>biennium (sum)</u> | |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|
| Democ: | 499.3 | 639.6 | 1138.9 | = \$1.14 Billion net tax increase, over 2 years |
| Repub: | ~0 | ~0 | ~0 | = no net tax increase |
| Final: | 390.0 | 632.5 | 1022.5 | = \$1.02 Billion net tax increase, over 2 years |

If Morgan had not sold us out:

- The Woman's Right To Know / **Abortion** bill would probably be law by now. That would prevent at least 8 (and perhaps 20 or more!) totally unnecessary abortions per day, because women would be getting the information they need to make informed choices. Thousands of babies are paying with their lives so that Richard Morgan can have his "share of the gavel."

If Morgan had not sold us out:

- The **charter school** cap would not remain frozen at 100 schools. Thousands of schoolchildren are getting worse educations because of Richard Morgan's lust for power.

If Morgan had not sold us out:

- **Democrat** Jim Black would not have a **veto over all Republican bills**.

If Morgan had not sold us out:

- Republicans and Democrats would have equal numbers of **solo chairmanships** in the House (**instead of 14 for the Democrats and only 4 for the Republicans**), and there would be a Republican co-chairman of the "big enchilada" -- the Rules committee (which Morgan gave to Democrat Wm. Culpepper).

If Morgan had not sold us out:

- Taxes would not have been increased on families with children, by cutting the **Child Tax Credit** (by reducing the eligibility age).

If you care about babies... if you care about taxes... if you care about schools... if you care about fair districts, then please, please, side with the Republicans, and help get rid of Rep. Richard Morgan!

Kenny, you can't be pro-life and pro-Morgan.

You can't be anti-tax and pro-Morgan.

You can't be for charter schools and for Richard Morgan.

You can't be against Democrat gerrymandering and for Morgan.

Please, Kenny, stand up for what is right! Stand with the Republicans!

Very sincerely yours,



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P.S. - Kenny, please note that I am not in any way connected to the Crutchfield campaign. I've heard many good things about Peggy Crutchfield (who is currently the only declared candidate running against Rep. Morgan in the primary), but I've never had a conversation with her. In fact, I encouraged another lady to run against Rep. Morgan, before Mrs. Crutchfield entered the race. I am just a loyal Republican, trying to tell the truth and do what is right. So, even if you are mad at me, please do not blame anyone else.