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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
POST OFFICE BOX 27685
RALEIGH, NC 27611
http://ethics.nc.gov

ETHICS ACT COMPLAINT FORM

I. READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:

Authority to Investigate Complaints: The State Ethics Commission has the authority to investigate complaints against those persons covered by "The State Government Ethics Act" for alleged violations of the Ethics Act. Please see Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes and refer to our website for additional information. https://ethics.nc.gov/complaints/ethics-complaints

Statute of Limitations: This complaint must be filed within *two years* of the date you, the Complainant, knew or should have known of the conduct upon which this complaint is based. If you have known about, or should have known about, your allegations for more than two years, your complaint will be dismissed.

Jurisdiction:

i. **State Officials Only**. Please note that the Ethics Commission's jurisdiction is limited to specific State officials and employees. It does NOT have jurisdiction over local government officials and employees. A description and list of those persons over which the Commission has jurisdiction is posted at https://ethics.nc.gov/coverage.

ii. **Limited to Specific Actions Only**. Likewise, the Commission is only empowered to investigate specific misconduct within the Ethics Act (see below).

If you file a complaint against a person who is not subject to the Ethics Act or that does not allege a violation of the specific provisions of the Ethics Act, then your complaint will be dismissed. You therefore should carefully review these requirements and contact Commission staff in advance of filing a complaint if you have any questions.

Confidentiality: By law, complaints filed with the Commission are confidential and not matters of public record. Please see G.S. 138A-12(p).

Voter Registration: You must have an active voter registration in North Carolina to file an ethics complaint. Please see G.S. 138A-12(c).

II. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLAINT:

Complaints must be submitted by mailing the original of a printed complaint form, and any additional materials if applicable, to the Commission as follows: State Ethics Commission, PO Box 27685, Raleigh, NC 27611. Printed complaint forms must be either typed or written in clear and legible handwriting.

III. CONTACT INFORMATION:

**The Ethics Act requires that a complaint contain the name, address, telephone number and email address of the person filing the complaint. The Commission cannot accept anonymous complaints. The Ethics Act also requires that persons filing complaints be North Carolina registered voters.*

1. Your name: [redacted]

2. Mailing Address: [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Telephone No: [redacted]

4. Email: [redacted]

5. Are you registered to vote in North Carolina? Yes ☒ No ☐ County: [redacted]

IV. NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT:

**The Ethics Commission does NOT have jurisdiction over all public officials and state employees. A list of persons subject to the Ethics Act is posted on the Commission's website: https://ethics.nc.gov/coverage.*

1. Identify the person who you believe may have violated specific provisions of the Ethics Act:

Name: Representative Kevin Crutchfield

2. Check position of the person against whom this complaint is filed:

- ■ Member of General Assembly (NC Legislature)
- ☐ Statewide Elected Official (Council of State)
- ☐ Clerk of Court
- ☐ District Attorney (D.A.)
- ☐ Judge
- ☐ Member of State-Level Non-Advisory Board
- ☐ Legislative Employee
- ☐ State Employee (check website)
- ☐ Candidate for Clerk, D.A., Judge, Council of State, or Legislature (SEI Violations Only)

Board Name: _____

* If the person against whom you are filing a complaint does not fall within any of these categories, the Commission will dismiss your complaint.

3. Provide the date(s) the alleged violation occurred: 2/15/2023, 4/18/2023, 4/25/2023 & 9/1/2023

** Ethics complaints must be filed within two years of the date that you knew or should have known of the conduct upon which your complaint is based.*

4. Please check the relevant box below to indicate what type of allegation you are making.

☒ **Conflict of Interest -** Person took an official action which they knew would provide a reasonably foreseeable financial benefit to them, their family member, or a business or non-profit in which either had a financial interest or served in a leadership role.

☐ **Gift Ban Violation** – Person accepted something of value from a lobbyist, lobbyist principal, or individual or entity that was doing or seeking to do business with person's agency.

**Does not apply to judges, clerks of court, or district attorneys.*

☒ **Use of Official Position -** Person (a) used position in advertising designed to support private business or non-profit; (b) used State funds to appear or speak in a public service announcement on radio or television or in a newspaper or magazine, or (c) used information gained in official capacity for financial benefit.

☐ **SEI Violation** – Candidate or covered person failed to disclose or provided inaccurate information on a Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) filed with the Commission.

☐ **Other Violation of the Ethics Act** – _____

5. You must provide a **concise** statement of the nature of your complaint **and** specific facts indicating a violation of the Ethics Act. If you do not concisely describe the nature of your complaint, it will be dismissed. You may attach documentation you have that supports your claim.

Please see attched complaint

Attach additional pages if needed.

6. Provide the names and contact information of other persons who may have information that would support your allegations.

N/A

7. Have the individuals and conduct complained been the subject of a prior complaint or proceeding? If so, state the place where the prior complaint was filed and its current status.

N/A

SWORN COMPLAINT

I hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury and other penalties established by North Carolina law, that the information provided in this complaint is true, correct, complete, and of my own personal knowledge, or if not, I believe the information to be true based upon the following:

Attached Complaint

(Signature) [redacted] Date: 1-18-2024

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Cumberland

SWORN TO (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by: [redacted]

Date: January 18, 2024

[redacted]
Official Signature of Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Comm. Exp.
May 25. 2026
Cumberland County
NORTH CAROLINA

(Official Seal)

Notary's printed or typed name: [redacted]

My Commission Expires: May 25, 2026

Submit the completed sworn complaint to:
State Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 27685
Raleigh, NC 27611

January 10, 2024

State Ethics Commission
PO Box 27685
Raleigh, NC 27611

Re: Ethics Complaint Against State House Representative Kevin Crutchfield

Upon reviewing the publicly available NC House Bills Representative Crutchfield whom he was the primary sponsor of and voted in favor of poses significant ethics violations on the part of Representative Crutchfield.

Under 138A-31. Use of public position for private gain.

> *(a) Except as permitted under G.S. 138A-38, a covered person or legislative employee shall not knowingly use the covered person's or legislative employee's public position in an official action or legislative action that will result in financial benefit to the covered person or legislative employee, a member of the covered person's or legislative employee's extended family, or business with which the covered person or legislative employee is associated.*

First, Representative Crutchfield introduced the NC HB 865 - Extend Meat Processing Grant Program as the primary sponsor on April 25, 2023. Representative Crutchfield is the President and the Registered Agent of Crutchfield Farms Inc. which is a North Carolina Domestic Business Corporation incorporated on June 21, 2016. Representative Crutchfield was the primary sponsor of this bill, which proposed a government grant to farmers. Being that Representative Crutchfield is a cattle farmer he stands to directly benefit by receiving government help getting his meat products to market and therefore financially benefiting from the passage of HB 865, *ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES, Conflict of Interest, Pg, 7 Opinion 7.*

Furthermore, the following three bills are all related to signs, advertising, and sign permits. Representative Crutchfield and his family own and operate Casco Signs Inc. (formerly known as The Crutchfield Group, Ltd.), which began operations in October 1998. Representative Crutchfield is the Chief Financial Officer of Casco Signs. Casco Sings specializes in a variety of commercial signs and printing services.

NC HB 771 - Compensation for On-Premises Sign Upgrades. This bill proposes government intervention to create revenue for his company. This bill allows business owners to receive monetary compensation for nonconforming signs due to a change in local government regulations, which generates business for Casco Signs, which is a financial benefit to their company *ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES – Conflict of Interest, Pg, 7 Opinion 7.*

H693 - Repossession of Manufactured Sign, which allows Representative Crutchfield company to repossess a sign that a customer defaulted on payment for without going through the proper channels in the courts, thereby saving Casco Signs attorney's fees, filing fees, etc. which is a financial benefit to his company *ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES – Conflict of Interest, Pg, 7 Opinion 7.*

H132 - Govt. Agencies/Delivery of Permits – This allows for issued permits to be electronically or mailed directly instead of physically picked up has been the normal practice. Not having to have someone personally pick up permits saves Casco Signs trips, time, and money. Which again is a financial benefit to their company. *ETHICAL PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES – Conflict of Interest, Pg, 7 Opinion 7.*

These three bills sponsored by Representative Crutchfield should not have been the primary sponsor and should have abstained from voting. Representative Crutchfield showed impaired

independence of judgment not only because of the potential financial benefit but he has special knowledge of the subject matter and industry. Representative Crutchfield placed himself in a position to influence other legislators to vote in favor of these bills due to his knowledge of the industry and the benefits to members of this industry.

§ 138A-37. Legislator participation in legislative actions.

> *(a) Except as permitted under G.S. 138A-38, no legislator shall participate in a legislative action if the legislator knows the legislator or a person with which the legislator is associated may incur a reasonably foreseeable financial benefit from the action, and if after considering whether the legislator's judgment would be substantially influenced by the financial benefit and considering the need for the legislator's particular contribution, including special knowledge of the subject matter to the effective functioning of the legislature, the legislator concludes that an actual financial benefit does exist which would impair the legislator's independence of judgment.*
>
> *(b) The legislator shall submit in writing to the principal clerk of the house of which the legislator is a member the reasons for the abstention from participation in the legislative matter.*

Finally, according to the NC Ethical Principles and Guidelines.

> *A legislator mentioning or permitting another to mention the office he or she holds in commercial advertising would improperly take advantage of the confidence and respect accorded that office. The office would thereby be demeaned. The legislator's actions of mentioning or permitting another to mention the legislative status in*

commercial advertising would therefore be unethical. NC Ethical Principles and Guidelines, Pg.2 (4) and Option 014.

Representative Crutchfield has repeatedly posted on social media photos of himself mentioning or photographed with a logo or depicting a photo of one of his businesses. In addition, Representative Crutchfield is featured on the main "about page" of the Cosco Signs Website promoting not only himself but also his business. (See attached documents).

Lastly, Representative Crutchfield seems to have additional ethics violations with the State Board of Elections regarding receiving campaign donations from business entities.

It is unlawful for any corporation, business entity, labor union, professional association, or insurance company to directly or indirectly contribute to a candidate. N.C.G.S. § 163-278.19. The prohibition of contributions from these entities also applies to "in-kind contributions," such as the donation of items to committees for fundraisers, or the sponsoring of holes at golf tournaments, the provision or discount of a service, such as a restaurant meal, or the provision or discount product to the committee or committee member.

The first was an advertisement for a campaign fundraiser that he held. The fundraiser was advertised as a "Beef Raffle" with the beef being donated from Crutchfield Farms, Inc. for two winners. Each winner would receive beef valued at $1800.00 if they won the raffle, which was never documented on his campaign finance reports. (See attached documents).

In addition, Representative Crutchfield repeatedly (most recently in the Kannapolis Christmas Parade in December 2023) uses a Casco Sign vehicle with an LED billboard erected in the bed of the truck for campaign purposes. This vehicle has Cosco Sign advertising down the sides including

the website address for Cosco Signs and phone number. While this item was documented on Representative Crutchfield's campaign finance reports there are some serious ethical concerns with promoting his businesses while campaigning or not and using his status as a legislator in doing so. (See attached documents). These types of actions directly or indirectly contribute to a candidate as well as Representative Crutchfield's business.

Representative Crutchfield has continually and will continue to use his legislative position to ensure his businesses receive a financial benefit from any legislation he puts forth, as well as himself in a political capacity.

It is requested that the North Carolina Ethics Committee and the State Board of Elections, Ethics Enforcement, or other proper authority (1) promptly investigate these activities, (2) levy appropriate fines or remedial measures, and (3) order that relevant parties and organizations immediately cease any behavior found to be unlawful.

North Carolina Cumberland County I, [redacted], a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that [redacted] personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the 18th day of January, 2024.

(Official Seal) Notary Public My commission expires May 25, 2026.

[redacted]

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Comm. Exp.
May 25, 2026
Hoke County
NORTH CAROLINA

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NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE CRUTCHFIELD GROUP, LTD.
(NAME OF CORPORATION)

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen years or more, do hereby associate ourselves into a business corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Business Corporation Act," and the several amendments thereto, and to that end do hereby set forth:

1. The name of the Corporation is THE CRUTCHFIELD GROUP, LTD.

2. The period of duration of the corporation shall be PERPETUAL
(May be perpetual or for a limited period)

3. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

TO ENGAGE IN ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY FOR WHICH CORPORATIONS MAY BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4. The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is 100,000, divided into ONE classes. The designation of each class, number of shares of each class, series, if any, within each class, and the par value, if any, of the shares of each class, or a statement that the shares of any class are without par value, is as follows:

Class	Series	Number of Shares	Par value per share
COMMON	A	100,000	$1.00

The preferences, limitations and relative rights in respect of the shares of each class are as follows:

5. The minimum amount of consideration for its shares to be received by the corporation before it shall commence business is $ 1000.00.

6. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation (including county and city or town, and street and number, if any) is 2821 TWINFIELD DR
CABARRUS COUNTY CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA 28025
and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is KEVIN R. CRUTCHFIELD

7. The number of directors of the corporation may be fixed by the by-laws, but shall not be less than three (except as permitted by N.C.G.S. 55-25).

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors shall be TWO, and the name and address (including street and number, if any) of each person who is to serve as a director until the first meeting of shareholders or until his successor be elected and qualified is:

NAMES	ADDRESSES
KEVIN R. CRUTCHFIELD	2821 TWINFIELD DR CONCORD N
[redacted]	[redacted]

8. The name and address (including street and number, if any) of each incorporator is:

NAMES	ADDRESSES
KEVIN R. CRUTCHFIELD	2821 TWINFIELD DR CONCORD N 28025

9. In addition to the general powers granted corporations under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the corporation shall have full power and authority to

10. *

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this the 10 day of MAY, A.D. 19 90.

Kevin R. Crutchfield (Incorporator)

[redacted]

* Insert any provision desired to be included in the Articles of Incorporation such as: pre-emptive rights of shareholders, regulation of internal affairs of the corporation, any matters required to be set forth in the by-laws, etc. See chapter 55 of the General Statutes.

STATE OF North Carolina

COUNTY OF Cabarrus

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that on the 10 day of May, A. D. 1990, before me, a Notary Public personally appeared Kevin R. Crutchfield (Incorporator), and [redacted] who I am satisfied are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, this the tenth day of May, A.D. 1990.

(L. S.)

John T. Drye

My Commission expires: September 12, 1991

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Elaine F. Marshall
North Carolina Secretary of State
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State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to §55-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a business corporation.

1. The name of the corporation is: Crutchfield Farms, Inc.

2. The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is: 100,000

3. These shares shall be: ***(check either a or b)***

   a. ☒ All of one class, designated as common stock; or

   b. ☐ Divided into classes or series within a class as provided in the attached schedule, with the information required by N.C.G.S. Section 55-6-01.

4. The name of the initial registered agent is: Kevin Crutchfield

5. The North Carolina street address and county of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

   Number and Street 9817 Mt. Pleasant Road S

   City Midland State NC Zip Code 28107 County Cabarrus

6. The mailing address, ***if different from the street address,*** of the initial registered office is:

   Number and Street P.O. Box 1349

   City Concord State NC Zip Code 28026 County Cabarrus

7. Principal office information: ***(must select either a or b.)***

   a. ☐ The corporation has a principal office.

   The principal office telephone number: _____

   The street address and county of the principal office of the corporation is:

   Number and Street _____

   City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

   The mailing address, ***if different from the street address,*** of the principal office of the corporation is:

   Number and Street _____

   City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

   b. ☒ The corporation does not have a principal office.

8. Any other provisions, which the corporation elects to include, i.e., the purpose of the corporation, are attached.

9. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

Kevin Crutchfield 9817 Mt. Pleasant Road S Midland, NC 28107

[redacted]

10. (Optional): Please provide a business e-mail address: _____.
The Secretary of State's Office will e-mail the business automatically at the address provided at no charge when a document is filed. The e-mail provided will not be viewable on the website. For more information on why this service is being offered, please see the instructions for this document.

11. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a future date is specified:

_____

This the 13th day of June 20 16

Signature *Incorporator*

Kevin Crutchfield, President

Type or Print Name and Title

NOTES:

1. **Filing fee is $125. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.**

BUSINESS CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

1/6/2022

NAME OF BUSINESS CORPORATION: **Casco Signs, Inc.**

SECRETARY OF STATE ID NUMBER: **0271079** STATE OF FORMATION: NC

REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR END: 12/31/2022

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SECTION A: REGISTERED AGENT'S INFORMATION

1. NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: [redacted]

2. SIGNATURE OF THE NEW REGISTERED AGENT: _____
SIGNATURE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT

3. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE STREET ADDRESS & COUNTY
9817 Mt Pleasent Rd
Midland, NC 28107-7766 Cabarrus County

4. REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS
9817 Mt Pleasent Rd
Midland, NC 28107-7766

SECTION B: PRINCIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

1. **DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF BUSINESS:** **Manufacturing and Installation**

2. **PRINCIPAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER:** (704) 788-9055

3. **PRINCIPAL OFFICE EMAIL:** Privacy Redaction

4. PRINCIPAL OFFICE STREET ADDRESS
199 Wilshire Ave
Concord, NC 28025-5633

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS
PO Box 1349
Concord, NC 28026-1349

6. Select one of the following if applicable. (Optional see instructions)

☐ The company is a veteran-owned small business

☐ The company is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business

SECTION C: OFFICERS (Enter additional officers in Section E.)

NAME: Kevin R Crutchfield
TITLE: Chief Financial Officer
ADDRESS:
po box 1349
concord, NC 28026

NAME: [redacted]
TITLE: Chief Executive Officer
ADDRESS:
po box 1349
concord, NC 28026

NAME:
TITLE:
ADDRESS:

SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT. Section D must be completed in its entirety by a person/business entity.

[redacted]
SIGNATURE
Form must be signed by an officer listed under Section C of this form.

1/10/2023
DATE

[redacted]
Print or Type Name of Officer

Chief Executive Officer
Print or Type Title of Officer

This Annual Report has been filed electronically.
MAIL TO: Secretary of State, Business Registration Division, Post Office Box 29525, Raleigh, NC 27626-0525

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023

H.B. 865
Apr 25, 2023
HOUSE PRINCIPAL CLERK

H D

HOUSE BILL DRH40434-MHa-122

Short Title: Extend Meat Processing Grant Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Crutchfield.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO RENEW AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES' INCREASING MEAT PRODUCTION, EFFICIENCY, AND CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Findings. – The General Assembly finds that the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021 resulted in serious and substantial impacts on the food supply chain and revealed bottlenecks and lack of capacity among the small and independent meat processors and producers of further processed meat products who serve small livestock producers. These bottlenecks and lack of capacity have a substantial negative impact on the ability of these small livestock producers to have their livestock slaughtered and processed. In addition, seafood processors lack capacity to meet increased and altered consumer demand for seafood products due to supply chain disruptions and other long-term changes in the market for seafood and seafood products. The General Assembly further finds that continued financial assistance to these processors for expansion, facility improvements, and workforce development is necessary to reduce disruptions in the supply chain for fresh meat and seafood and to help small producers get their products to market.

SECTION 2. Use of Funds and Limitation. – The sum of twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for grants to meat and seafood processors as specified in this section to reduce or prevent impacts on the supply chain for fresh meat in the State and to improve the resiliency of the fresh meat and seafood supply chain to future disruptions. The following limitations and reservations apply:

(1) No more than two million dollars ($2,000,000) of the funds allocated in this section may be used to supplement grants previously awarded to reflect construction cost inflation.

(2) No more than three percent (3%) of the total funds allocated in this section may be used for technical and administrative support.

SECTION 3. Grant Types and Criteria. – The Department shall develop policies and procedures for the disbursement of the grants authorized by this section that include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) The Department may provide three categories of grants:

a. Capacity enhancement grant. – This grant is available to an eligible meat or seafood processing facility that is experiencing slowdowns in production or has limited capacity to accommodate increased demand for meat or seafood processing. A capacity enhancement grant may be

used for expansion of an existing eligible facility and for fixtures or equipment at an existing eligible facility that will expand animal throughput, processing capacity, the amount or type of products produced, or processing speed.

b. Workforce development grant. – This grant is available to an eligible meat or seafood processing facility that is experiencing slowdowns in production or has limited capacity to accommodate increased demand for meat or seafood processing due to workforce limitations or reductions due to a pandemic or other natural disaster. A workforce development grant may be used for educational and workforce training provided either by the facility or by an accredited institution of higher education.

c. Planning grant. – This grant is available to a nonprofit entity or institution of higher education to complete feasibility or siting studies for a new eligible meat processing facility.

(2) Eligible facility. – For purposes of this section, an eligible meat or seafood processing facility includes the following:

a. A food processing facility that meets both of the following requirements:

1. The plant contracts with independent livestock producers or seafood harvesters to process animals or seafood.

2. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) contracts with Department inspectors to conduct federal inspection activities authorized by the Talmadge-Aiken Act of 1962 (7 U.S.C. § 1633) at the plant, the plant is otherwise regulated by the USDA or the United States Food and Drug Administration, or the plant is a State-inspected facility.

b. A facility producing further processed meat products for which the USDA contracts with Department inspectors to conduct federal inspection activities authorized by the Talmadge-Aiken Act of 1962 (7 U.S.C. § 1633) at the plant, or which is a State-inspected facility, or which is a USDA-inspected processor of shelf-stable meat or meat products.

(3) Prioritization. – The Department may prioritize projects that will create additional jobs.

(4) Cost-sharing. – Recipients shall provide matching funds for a grant under this section in the amount of one dollar ($1.00) from nongrant sources for every two dollars ($2.00) provided by the grant.

(5) Clawback. – If fixtures or equipment purchased with grant funds provided under this Article are disposed of during a period of time as the Department shall specify following the date the fixtures or equipment funded by this act are placed in service, the grant recipient shall repay to the Department a proportionate share of the grant funding received as the Department shall specify. As used in this subdivision, the term "disposed of" means disposed of, taken out of service, or moved out of State.

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023

H.B. 771
Apr 18, 2023
HOUSE PRINCIPAL CLERK

H D

HOUSE BILL DRH10377-MQ-52A

Short Title: Compensation for On-Premises Sign Upgrades. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Crutchfield.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ON-PREMISES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of Article 9 of Chapter 160D of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 160D-912.1. On-premises advertisements.**

(a) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) Nonconforming sign. – An on-premises advertisement that was lawfully installed but which does not comply with current ordinances or regulations due to changed conditions.

(2) On-premises advertisement. – A sign identifying or advertising a business, person, activity, goods, products, or services located on the premises where the sign is installed and maintained.

(b) A local government may not enact or amend an ordinance of general applicability to require the owner of a nonconforming sign to bring the sign into compliance with current regulations without the payment of monetary compensation to the owner of the nonconforming sign. Upon payment of monetary compensation for the sign, the local government shall own the sign. In lieu of payment of monetary compensation to the owner of the nonconforming sign, a local government may reimburse the owner an amount equal to the difference of the fair market value of the nonconforming sign and the reasonable cost to bring the sign into compliance.

(c) Monetary compensation is the fair market value of the nonconforming sign in place immediately prior to its removal and without consideration of the effect of the ordinance or any diminution in value caused by the ordinance requiring its removal. Monetary compensation shall be determined using the factors listed in G.S. 105-317.1(a).

(d) Monetary compensation or reimbursement is not required under this section for any of the following:

(1) The local government and the owner of the nonconforming sign enter into a voluntary agreement allowing for the removal of the sign after a set period of time in lieu of monetary compensation. A local government may adopt an ordinance or resolution providing for a relocation, reconstruction, or removal agreement.

(2) The nonconforming sign is determined to be a public nuisance or detrimental to the health or safety of the populace.

(3) The removal of the nonconforming sign is required for opening, widening, extending, or improving streets or sidewalks, or for establishing, extending, enlarging, or improving any of the public enterprises listed in G.S. 160A-311, and the local government allows the nonconforming sign to be relocated to a comparable location.

(4) The nonconforming sign is subject to removal pursuant to statutes, ordinances, or regulations generally applicable to the demolition or removal of damaged structures.

(e) If the local government and the owner of the nonconforming sign are unable to agree to monetary compensation or reimbursement, then the local government may bring an action in superior court for a determination of the monetary compensation to be paid. In determining monetary compensation, the court shall consider the factors set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

(f) The provisions of this section shall not be used to interpret, construe, alter, or otherwise modify the exercise of the power of eminent domain by an entity pursuant to Chapter 40A of the General Statutes."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023

H.B. 693
Apr 18, 2023
HOUSE PRINCIPAL CLERK

H D

HOUSE BILL DRH40365-MU-20

Short Title:	Repossession of Manufactured Sign.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Crutchfield.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW A SELLER OF A MANUFACTURED SIGN TO REPOSSESS THE SIGN IF THE BUYER FAILS TO PAY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 25-2-703.1. Repossession of manufactured sign.**

If a buyer of a manufactured sign fails to make a payment in violation of a contract with the seller of the sign, the seller may repossess the sign so long as the seller does not breach the peace. The seller may also exercise any other lawful remedy. This section applies even if the sign is affixed to real property."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023

H.B. 693
Apr 18, 2023
HOUSE PRINCIPAL CLERK

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HOUSE BILL DRH40365-MU-20

Short Title:	Repossession of Manufactured Sign.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Crutchfield.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW A SELLER OF A MANUFACTURED SIGN TO REPOSSESS THE SIGN IF THE BUYER FAILS TO PAY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 25-2-703.1. Repossession of manufactured sign.**

If a buyer of a manufactured sign fails to make a payment in violation of a contract with the seller of the sign, the seller may repossess the sign so long as the seller does not breach the peace. The seller may also exercise any other lawful remedy. This section applies even if the sign is affixed to real property."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023

H.B. 132
Feb 15, 2023
HOUSE PRINCIPAL CLERK

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HOUSE BILL DRH10056-LRf-55A

Short Title: Govt. Agencies/Delivery of Permits. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Crutchfield.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL DELIVER PERMITS ISSUED TO PERMITTEES BY MAIL INSTEAD OF IN-PERSON DELIVERY AT AN AGENCY OR OTHER PHYSICAL LOCATION UNLESS A PERMITTEE OPTS TO RECEIVE DELIVERY OF THE PERMIT IN PERSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 10 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 143-162.6. Delivery of permits issued by State agencies.**

(a) By July 1, 2023, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each executive branch agency within State government shall establish a policy to send any permits issued by the agency to permittees using one of the following methods instead of requiring the permittee to receive in-person delivery of the permit at an agency office or other physical location:

(1) Via United States mail. An agency may charge the permittee for mailing costs.

(2) By electronic mail, as appropriate, if the permittee consents to such delivery in advance.

(b) A permittee may opt to receive a permit from an executive branch agency in person, however, a permittee shall not be required by the agency to do so.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an agency from adopting policies to exercise due diligence in verifying a permittee's identity.

(d) This section does not apply to the legislative or judicial branch of government."

SECTION 2. Article 23 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 153A-461. Delivery of permits issued by county agency.**

(a) By July 1, 2023, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each county agency shall establish a policy to send any permits issued by the agency to permittees using one of the following methods instead of requiring the permittee to receive in-person delivery of the permit at an agency office or other physical location:

(1) Via United States mail. An agency may charge the permittee for mailing costs.

(2) By electronic mail, as appropriate, if the permittee consents to such.

(b) A permittee may opt to receive a permit from a county agency in person, however, a permittee shall not be required by the agency to do so.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an agency from adopting policies to exercise due diligence in verifying a permittee's identity."

SECTION 3. Article 21 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 160A-499.6. Delivery of permits issued by city agency.**

(a) By July 1, 2023, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each city agency shall establish a policy to send any permits issued by the agency to permittees using one of the following methods instead of requiring the permittee to receive in-person delivery of the permit at an agency office or other physical location:

(1) Via United States mail. An agency may charge the permittee for mailing costs.

(2) By electronic mail, as appropriate, if the permittee consents to such delivery.

(b) A permittee may opt to receive a permit from a city agency in person, however, the permittee shall not be required by the agency to do so.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit an agency from adopting policies to exercise due diligence in verifying a permittee's identity."

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.


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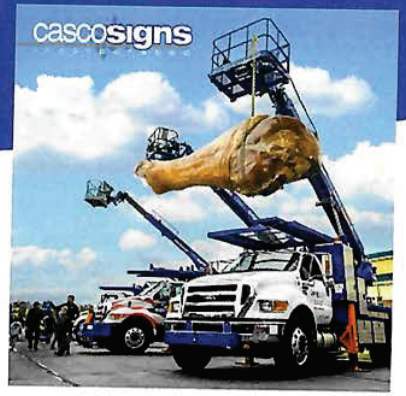
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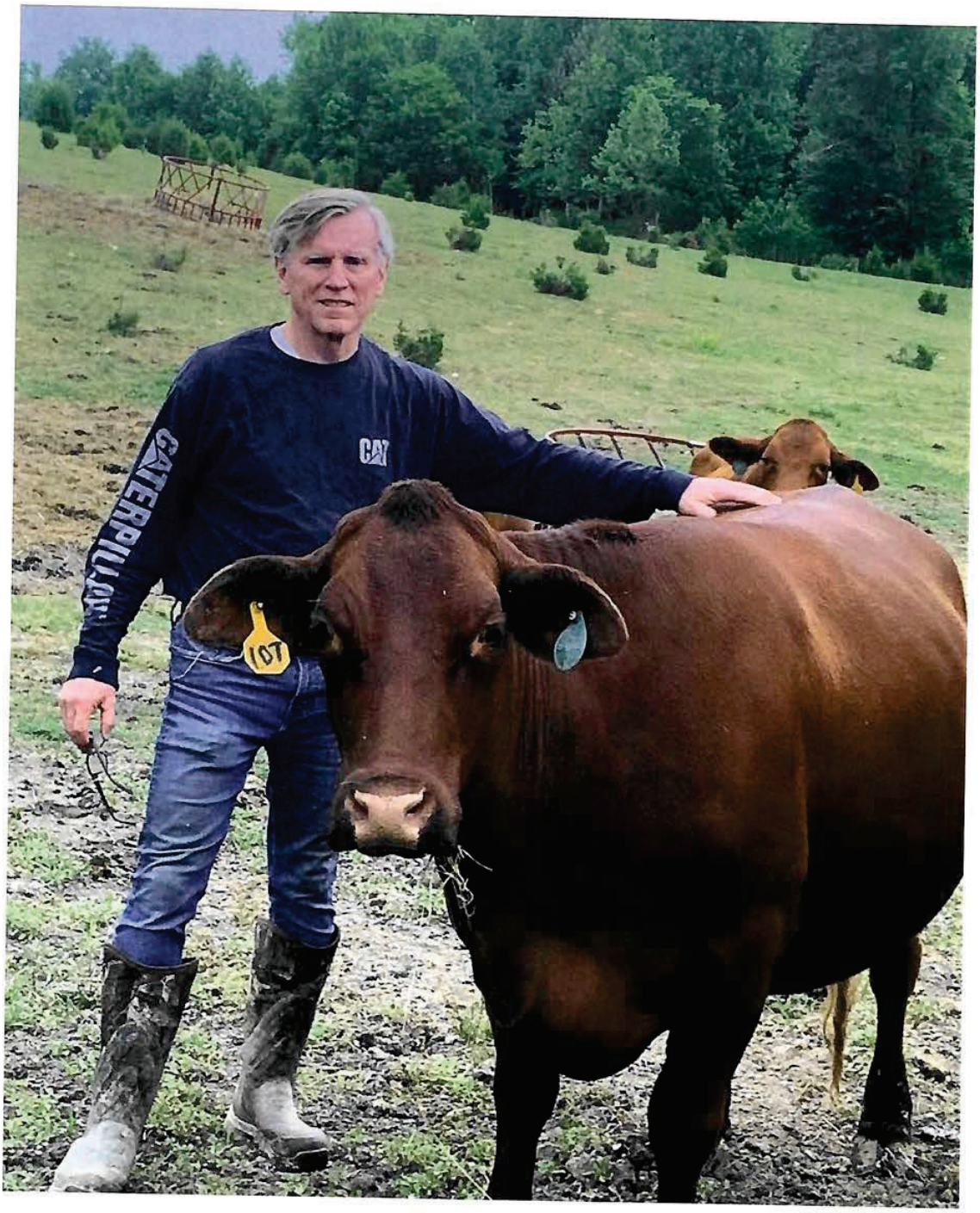




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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

2024 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

ELECTRONIC FILING

This entire form must be completed to fulfill your ethics filing obligation.

Filer's Name (First, Middle, Last)				
Prefix	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Last Name**	**Suffix**
CFO	Kevin	Roger	Crutchfield	

Current Employer	Job Title
Casco Signs Inc	CFO

Nature or Type of Business
Sign and graphics manufacturing

Reason For Filing (Complete all that apply.)	
Are you a **CANDIDATE** for elected office? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**	If yes, for what position are you seeking election? (Specify name of office seeking in box below.)
Do you currently hold this position? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**	NC House
State Government Job (Specify agency and position.)	Board/Commission (List complete names of all State boards on which you are serving or are being considered.)
Judicial Officer or Judicial Officer Appointee(Specify office.)	Legislator or Appointee to Legislative Office(Specify House or Senate.)
	House of Representatives

A. Do any immediate family members reside in your household?

☒ Yes ☐ No

On this form, "immediate family" includes your spouse (unless legally separated) and unemancipated children (minors under 18 years of age). It also includes members of your extended family (your and your spouse's children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, and siblings, and the spouses of each of those persons) **who reside in your household.**

List the full name of **all adults** and **emancipated minors** in your household. Minors are children under 18. They are emancipated by marriage, enlistment in the US military, or court order for emancipation.

Full names of Adults and Emancipated Minors	Relationship	Employer	Job Title	Nature of Business
[redacted]	[redacted]	Casco Signs Inc	CEO	Sign and graphics manufacturing
Erin Renea Crutchfield	Child's Spouse	Casco signs Inc	Accounting	Sign and Graphics manufacturing

[redacted]	[redacted]	Casco Signs Inv	Director of installation	Sign and Graphics manufacturing

B. List **only the initials** of all unemancipated minors in your household below. A minor is a child under 18 years old.

List the full name of each minor child on the Confidential Form at the end.

Initials of Unemancipated Minors	Relationship	Employer	Job Title	Nature of Business
MC	Grandchild			
MC	Grandchild			
MC	Grandchild			
MC	Grandchild			

Property Interests

1. As of December 31, 2023, did you or any members of your immediate family:

   A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of $10,000 or more?

   ☒ Yes ☐ No

Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	New london	Montgomery
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	Midland	Cabarrus

   B. lease or rent real estate or personal property to or from the State of North Carolina with a market value of $10,000 or more?

   ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Lessor	Name of Lessee (Renter)	If Real Estate, Location by City & County	If Personal Property, Describe

2. At any time during 2022 or 2023, did you or any members of your immediate family sell or buy personal property worth $10,000 or more to or from the State of North Carolina?

   ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Purchaser	Name of Seller	Type of Property

Financial Interests

3. As of December 31, 2023, did you or any members of your immediate family own any of the following financial interests valued at $10,000 or more? **List each company individually.**

A. Stock in a publicly owned company?

☒ Yes ☐ No

► Include stocks held individually of in a portfolio managed by a financial services company

Do not list interests in a widely held investment fund (including mutual funds, regulated investment companies, or pension or deferred compensation plans) if:
1. the fund is publicly traded or its assets are widely diversified; and
2. neither you nor an immediate family member are able to control the underlying assets.

Owner of Interest	Full Name of Company or ticker symbol
(Self plus Spouse)	APPLE
(Self plus Spouse)	UWHARRIE BANK

B. Stock options in a company or business?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Owner of Stock Option	Full Name of Company (Do not use a ticker symbol)

C. Interests in a non-publicly owned company or business entity? These include interests in sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and closely held corporations.

☐ Yes ☒ No - If "No," proceed to question 4.

Owner of Interest	Name of Company or Business Entity

C (1). For each company or business entity identified in question 3.C. (the "Primary Company"), please list the names of *any other* companies or business entities in which the Primary Company owns securities or equity interests valued at over $10,000, if known.

Non-Publicly Owned Company or Business Entity (the Primary Company)	Other Companies in which the Primary Company Owns Security or Equity Interests
None or Not Known	

C (2). If you know that any entity listed in 3.C or 3.C(1) above has any material business dealings or business contracts with the State of North Carolina, or is regulated by the State, briefly describe that business activity.

Name of Company or Business Entity	Description of Business Activity with the State
None or Not Known	

4. As of December 31, 2023, were you or any members of your immediate family the beneficiaries of a vested trust with a value of $10,000 or more that you created, established, or controlled?

Do not list assets held in blind trusts. See 2024 SEI Helpful Tips for the definition of "Vested Trust" and "Blind Trust." https://ethics.nc.gov/seis

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name and Address of Trustee	Description of the Trust	Your Relationship to the Trust

5. As of December 31, 2023, did you any members of your immediate family have liabilities of $10,000 or more, excluding the mortgage on your primary personal residence? Examples include credit card debts, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and intra-family debt. Do not disclose the amount of the debt.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name of Debtor	Type of Creditor (commercial Bank, credit union, individual, etc.)
(Self plus Spouse)	Commercial Bank

6. List each source of income (***not*** specific amounts) of more than $5,000 received by you or any members of your immediate family during 2023. Include salary, wages, state/local government retirement income, professional fees, honoraria, interest, dividends, rental income, business income, and other types required to be reported on State and federal tax returns. **You must disclose your receipt of salary or wages from any governmental or private entity, including those already listed in response to other SEI questions.**

Do ***not*** include income received from the following sources:

- ► Capital gains
- ► Military retirement
- ► Federal government retirement
- ► Social security retirement, survivors, or disability benefits

Recipient of Income	Name of Person or Entity from Which Income Was Received	Type of Business/Industry	Type of Income
(Self plus Spouse)	The crutchfield group ltd	Property and assets management	Business income
(Self plus Spouse)	Crutchfield Farms Inc	Farm	Business income
(Self plus Spouse)	Opportunity One Lodging	Hotel	Business income
(Self plus Spouse)	GSH GROUP LLC	Hotel	Business income
(Self plus Spouse)	Opportunity Two llc	Hotel	Dividends
[redacted]	Casco Signs Inc	Sign and graphics manufacturing	Salary
Kevin Roger Crutchfield (Self)	Casco Signs, Inc	Sign and graphics manufacturing	Salary
Kevin Roger Crutchfield (Self)	NCGA	Legislative Office	Salary
Kevin Roger Crutchfield (Self)	NCGA	Legisltive Office	Other type of income

Professional and Civic Relationships

7(a). During 2023, were you or any members of your immediate family a director, officer, governing board member, employee, independent contractor, or registered lobbyist of a nonprofit corporation or organization operating in North Carolina primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, public health and safety, or educational purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No - If "No," proceed to question 8.

► Do NOT list State boards or entities, or entities created by local governments.
► Do NOT list organizations of which you are a mere member.

Name of Person	Position	Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Nature or Purpose of Organization

7(b). If the nonprofit corporations or organizations listed above do business with the State of North Carolina or receive State funds, briefly describe the nature of that business, if known or with due diligence could reasonably be known.

Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Describe State Business
None or Not Known	

8. During 2023, were you or any members of your immediate family a director, officer, or governing board member of any society, organization, or advocacy group with an interest in matters over which your agency or board may have jurisdiction?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Legislator/Judicial Officer -You are not required to complete this question if you are filing solely because you are a legislator or judicial officer or as a candidate or appointee to those offices.

►Do not list organizations of which you are only a member and do not serve in a leadership role.

Name of Person	Name of Society, Organization, or Advocacy Group	Leadership Position (Director, Officer, Board Member)

9(a). List the name of each for profit business with which you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2023.

Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
[redacted]	[redacted]	Casco signs inc	Officer - Secretary
[redacted]	[redacted]	The Crutchfield Group ltd	Officer - Secretary
[redacted]	[redacted]	Crutchfield farms	Officer - Secretary
Kevin Roger Crutchfield	Self	Casco signs inc	Officer - President
Kevin Roger Crutchfield	Self	The Crutchfield Group Ltd	Officer - President
Kevin Roger Crutchfield	Self	Castaway properties	Manager
Kevin Roger Crutchfield	Self	Crutchfield Farms	Officer - President

9(b). If you know that any entity listed in 9(a) above had any material business dealings or business contracts with the State of North Carolina or was regulated by the State as of December 31, 2023, briefly describe that activity.

Name of Company or Business Entity	Description of Business Activity with the State
None or Not Known	

10. Are you a practicing attorney?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Judicial Officer/State Attorney/In House/Employee Attorney

If "Yes", check each category of legal representation in which you or the law firm with which you are affiliated has earned legal fees of more than $10,000 during 2023.

☐ Administrative	☐ Admiralty	☐ Corporate	☐ Criminal
☐ Decedent's Estates	☐ Environmental	☐ Insurance	☐ Labor
☐ Local Government	☐ Real Property	☐ Securities	☐ Tax
☐ Tort litigation (including negligence)	☐ Utilities Regulation	☐ Other category not listed	

11. During 2023, were you a licensed professional (other than an attorney) or did you provide consulting services individually or as a member of a professional association for which you charged or were paid over $10,000?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Type of Business	Nature of Services Rendered

12. Are you or your employer, or any members of your immediate family, or their employers currently:

- licensed by the State board or agency with which you are or will be associated **or**
- regulated by the State board or agency with which you are or will be associated **or**
- in a business relationship with the State board or agency with which you are or will be associated?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Legislator/Judicial Officer - You are not required to complete this question if you are filing solely because you are a legislator or judicial officer or as a candidate or appointee to those offices.

Name of Person	Name of Employer (if applicable)	Type of Relationship (Licensing, Regulatory, Business)

13. Have you or a member of your immediate family been registered as a lobbyist or lobbyist principal within the 12 months preceding your filing of this form?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Lobbyist	Lobbyist's Principal	Date of Registration	Registration Expiration

Other Disclosures

14. During 2023, after you were appointed, employed, or filed or were nominated as a candidate, did you

- receive any "gift(s)" exceeding $200 per quarter from a person or group of persons acting together,
- when both you and those person(s) were outside North Carolina,
- under circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to conclude the gifts were given for lobbying?

To answer Yes, all three conditions must apply

☐ Yes ☒ No

► Do not report gifts given by members of your extended family.
► Do not report gifts you have previously reported on the "Expense Report for Exempted Persons."

Date Item Received	Name and Address of Donor(s)	Describe Item Received	Estimated Market Value

15. During 2023, after you were appointed, employed, or filed or were nominated as a candidate, did you

- accept a "scholarship" exceeding $200 related to your public position from a person or group of persons acting together,
- when those person(s) were outside North Carolina?

To answer Yes, both conditions must apply

A "scholarship" is a grant-in-aid, either direct or indirect, to attend a conference, meeting, or similar event, including tuition, travel, lodging, meals, and other similar expenses.

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Judicial Officer - You are not required to complete this question if you are filing solely because you are a legislator or judicial officer or as a candidate or appointee to those offices.

► Do not report gifts you have previously reported on the "Expense Report for Exempted Persons."

► Legislators are not required to report scholarships paid by a nonpartisan legislative organization of which the legislator or the General Assembly is a member, participant, or affiliate.

Date of Scholarship	Name and Address of Donor(s)	Describe Event	Estimated Market Value

16. Have you been appointed or considered for appointment to a covered board by the Governor or another Council of State member?

Council of State members are:

- ► Governor
- ► Lt. Governor
- ► Secretary of State
- ► State Auditor
- ► State Treasurer
- ► Superintendent of Public Instruction
- ► Attorney General
- ► Commissioner of Agriculture
- ► Commissioner of Labor
- ► Commissioner of Insurance

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," list all contributions you made in 2023 with a cumulative total of more than $1,000 to the Council of State member who appointed you. Do not include contributions from immediate family members.

► Contributions are defined broadly in N.C.G.S. 163-278.6(6) and include "any advance, conveyance, deposit, distribution, transfer of funds, loan, payment, gift, pledge or subscription of money or anything of value whatsoever."

Date	Amount	Contributed to

17. Are you an appointee or prospective appointee as:	
a. the head of a principal state department (e.g., cabinet secretary) appointed by the Governor; or b. a North Carolina Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals, Superior or District Court Judge; or c. a member of any of the following boards: • ABC Commission • Coastal Resources Commission • State Board of Education • State Board of Elections • Division of Employment Security • Environmental Management Commission • Industrial Commission • Human Resources Commission • Rules Review Commission • Board of Transportation • Utilities Commission • Wildlife Resources Commission	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **If "No," proceed to question 18.**
d. If yes, were you appointed or are you being considered for appointment to that position by a Council of State member?	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **If "No," proceed to question 18.**
e. If yes, you must indicate whether during 2023 you engaged in any of the following activities with respect to or on behalf of the candidate or campaign committee of the Council of State member who appointed you: i. Collected contributions from multiple contributors, took possession of such multiple contributions, and transferred or delivered those collected contributions to the candidate or committee?	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
ii. Hosted a fundraiser at your residence or place of business?	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
iii. Volunteered for campaign-related activities, including phone banks, event assistance, mailings, canvassing, surveying, or any other activity that advances the campaign of a candidate?	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

18. Have you ever been convicted of a felony for which you have not received either: (i) a pardon; or (ii) an order of expungement?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Offense	Date of Conviction	County of Conviction	State of Conviction

19. Are you aware of any other information that *you believe* may assist the Ethics Commission in advising you concerning your compliance with the State Government Ethics Act?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please provide that information below.

Affirmation

The information provided in this Statement of Economic Interest and any attachments are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I have not transferred, and will not transfer, any asset, interest, or property for the purpose of concealing it from disclosure while retaining an equitable interest.

I understand that my Statement of Economic Interest and any attachments except for the Confidential Form regarding Unemancipated Children are public records.

I have read and understand the following statutes:

> N.C.G.S. § 138A-26. Concealing or failing to disclose material information.
>
> A filing person who knowingly conceals or knowingly fails to disclose information that is required to be disclosed on a statement of economic interest . . . shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and subject to disciplinary action under G.S. 138A-45.
>
> N.C.G.S. § 138A-27. Penalty for false information.
>
> A filing person who provides false information on a statement of economic interest . . . knowing that the information is false is guilty of a Class H felony and shall be subject to disciplinary action under G.S. 138A-45.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Filed Electronically
Signature

01/11/2024
Date

Kevin Roger Crutchfield
Printed Name

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

2023 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

ELECTRONIC FILING

This entire form must be completed to fulfill your ethics filing obligation.

Filer's Name (First, Middle, Last)				
Prefix	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Last Name**	**Suffix**
CFO	Kevin	Roger	Crutchfield	

Current Employer	Job Title
Casco Signs Inc	CFO

Nature or Type of Business
Sign and graphics manufacturing

Reason For Filing (Complete all that apply.)	
Are you a **CANDIDATE** for elected office? ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**	If yes, for what position are you seeking election? (Specify name of office seeking in box below.)
Do you currently hold this position? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**	
State Government Job (Specify agency and position.)	Board/Commission (List complete names of all State boards on which you are serving or are being considered.)
Judicial Officer or Filing Post-Service (Specify office.)	Legislator or Filing Post-Service(Specify House or Senate.)
	House of Representatives

A. Do any immediate family members reside in your household?

☒ Yes ☐ No

On this form, "immediate family" includes your spouse (unless legally separated) and unemancipated children (minors under 18 years of age). It also includes members of your extended family (your and your spouse's children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, and siblings, and the spouses of each of those persons) **who reside in your household.**

List the full name of **all adults** and **emancipated minors** in your household. Minors are children under 18. They are emancipated by marriage, enlistment in the US military, or court order for emancipation.

Full names of Adults and Emancipated Minors	Relationship	Employer	Job Title	Nature of Business
[redacted]	[redacted]	Casco Signs Inc	CEO	Sign and graphics manufacturing

B. List **only the initials** of all unemancipated minors in your household below. A minor is a child under 18 years old.

List the full name of each minor child on the Confidential Form at the end.

Initials of Unemancipated Minors	Relationship	Employer	Job Title	Nature of Business

Property Interests

1. As of December 31, 2022, did you or any members of your immediate family:

   A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of $10,000 or more?

   ☒ Yes ☐ No

Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	New london	Montgomery
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	Midland	Cabarrus

   B. lease or rent real estate or personal property to or from the State of North Carolina with a market value of $10,000 or more?

   ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Lessor	Name of Lessee (Renter)	If Real Estate, Location by City & County	If Personal Property, Describe

2. At any time during 2021 or 2022, did you or any members of your immediate family sell or buy personal property worth $10,000 or more to or from the State of North Carolina?

   ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Purchaser	Name of Seller	Type of Property

Financial Interests

3. As of December 31, 2022, did you or any members of your immediate family own any of the following financial interests valued at $10,000 or more? **List each company individually.**

A. Stock in a publicly owned company?

☒ Yes ☐ No

►Do not list interests in a widely held investment fund (including mutual funds, regulated investment companies, or pension or deferred compensation plans) if:
1. the fund is publicly traded or its assets are widely diversified; and
2. neither you nor an immediate family member are able to control the underlying assets.

Owner of Interest	Full Name of Company or ticker symbol
(Self plus Spouse)	APPLE
(Self plus Spouse)	UWHARRIE BANK

B. Stock options in a company or business?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Owner of Stock Option	Full Name of Company (Do not use a ticker symbol)

C. Interests in a non-publicly owned company or business entity? These include interests in sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and closely held corporations.

☒ Yes ☐ No - If "No," proceed to question 4.

Owner of Interest	Name of Company or Business Entity
(Self plus Spouse)	Crutchfield Farms Inc
(Self plus Spouse)	The crutchfield group Ltd
(Self plus Spouse)	GSH GROUP LLC
(Self plus Spouse)	opportunity lodging one

C (1). For each company or business entity identified in question 3.C. (the "Primary Company"), please list the names of *any other* companies or business entities in which the Primary Company owns securities or equity interests valued at over $10,000, if known.

Non-Publicly Owned Company or Business Entity (the Primary Company)	Other Companies in which the Primary Company Owns Security or Equity Interests
The crutchfield group Ltd	Castaway properties. Ltd

C (2). If you know that any entity listed in 3.C or 3.C(1) above has any material business dealings or business contracts with the State of North Carolina, or is regulated by the State, briefly describe that business activity.

Name of Company or Business Entity	Description of Business Activity with the State

4. As of December 31, 2022, were you or any members of your immediate family the beneficiaries of a vested trust with a value of $10,000 or more that you created, established, or controlled?

Do not list assets held in blind trusts. See 2023 SEI Helpful Tips for the definition of "Vested Trust" and "Blind Trust." https://ethics.nc.gov/seis

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name and Address of Trustee	Description of the Trust	Your Relationship to the Trust

5. As of December 31, 2022, did you any members of your immediate family have liabilities of $10,000 or more, excluding the mortgage on your primary personal residence? Examples include credit card debts, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and intra-family debt. Do not disclose the amount of the debt.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name of Debtor	Type of Creditor (commercial Bank, credit union, individual, etc.)
(Self plus Spouse)	Commercial Bank

6. List each source of income (***not*** specific amounts) of more than $5,000 received by you or any members of your immediate family during 2022. Include salary, wages, state/local government retirement income, professional fees, honoraria, interest, dividends, rental income, business income, and other types required to be reported on State and federal tax returns. **You must disclose your receipt of salary or wages from any governmental or private entity, including those already listed in response to other SEI questions.**

Do ***not*** include income received from the following sources:

- ► Capital gains
- ► Federal government retirement
- ► Military retirement
- ► Social security retirement, suvivors, or disability benefits

Recipient of Income	Name of Source	Type of Business/Industry	Type of Income
(Self plus Spouse)	The crutchfield group ltd	Property and assets management	Business income
(Self plus Spouse)	Crutchfield Farms Inc	Farm	Business income
(Self plus Spouse)	Opportunity One Lodging	Hotel	Business income
(Self plus Spouse)	GSH GROUP LLC	Hotel	Business income
(Self plus Spouse)	Tap room social	Corner bar	Business income
[redacted]	Casco Signs Inc	Sign and graphics manufacturing	Salary
Kevin Roger Crutchfield (Self)	Casco Signs, Inc	Sign and graphics manufacturing	Salary
Kevin Roger Crutchfield (Self)	NCGA	Legislative Office	Salary
Kevin Roger Crutchfield (Self)	NCGA	Legisltive Office	Other type of income

Professional and Civic Relationships

7(a). During 2022, were you or any members of your immediate family a director, officer, governing board member, employee, independent contractor, or registered lobbyist of a nonprofit corporation or organization operating in North Carolina primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, public health and safety, or educational purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No - If "No," proceed to question 8.

► Do NOT list State boards or entities, or entities created by local governments.
► Do NOT list organizations of which you are a mere member.

Name of Person	Position	Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Nature or Purpose of Organization

7(b). If the nonprofit corporations or organizations listed above do business with the State of North Carolina or receive State funds, briefly describe the nature of that business, if known or with due diligence could reasonably be known.

Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Describe State Business
None or Not Known	

8. During 2022, were you or any members of your immediate family a director, officer, or governing board member of any society, organization, or advocacy group with an interest in matters over which your agency or board may have jurisdiction?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Legislator/Judicial Officer -You are not required to complete this question if you are filing solely because you are a legislator or judicial officer or as a candidate or appointee to those offices.

►Do not list organizations of which you are only a member and do not serve in a leadership role.

Name of Person	Name of Society, Organization, or Advocacy Group	Leadership Position (Director, Officer, Board Member)

9(a). List the name of each for profit business with which you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2022.

Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
[redacted]	[redacted]	Casco signs inc	Officer - Secretary
[redacted]	[redacted]	The Crutchfield Group ltd	Officer - Secretary
[redacted]	[redacted]	Crutchfield farms	Officer - Secretary
Kevin Roger Crutchfield	Self	Casco signs inc	Officer - President
Kevin Roger Crutchfield	Self	The Crutchfield Group Ltd	Officer - President
Kevin Roger Crutchfield	Self	Castaway properties	Manager
Kevin Roger Crutchfield	Self	Crutchfield Farms	Officer - President

9(b). If you know that any entity listed in 9(a) above had any material business dealings or business contracts with the State of North Carolina or was regulated by the State as of December 31, 2022, briefly describe that activity.

Name of Company or Business Entity	Description of Business Activity with the State
None or Not Known	

10. Are you a practicing attorney?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Judicial Officer/State Attorney/In House/Employee Attorney

If "Yes", check each category of legal representation in which you or the law firm with which you are affiliated has earned legal fees of more than $10,000 during 2022.

☐ Administrative	☐ Admiralty	☐ Corporate	☐ Criminal
☐ Decedent's Estates	☐ Environmental	☐ Insurance	☐ Labor
☐ Local Government	☐ Real Property	☐ Securities	☐ Tax
☐ Tort litigation (including negligence)	☐ Utilities Regulation	☐ Other category not listed	

11. During 2022, were you a licensed professional (other than an attorney) or did you provide consulting services individually or as a member of a professional association for which you charged or were paid over $10,000?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Type of Business	Nature of Services Rendered

12. Are you or your employer, or any members of your immediate family, or their employers currently:

- licensed by the State board or agency with which you are or will be associated **or**
- regulated by the State board or agency with which you are or will be associated **or**
- in a business relationship with the State board or agency with which you are or will be associated?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Legislator/Judicial Officer - You are not required to complete this question if you are filing solely because you are a legislator or judicial officer or as a candidate or appointee to those offices.

Name of Person	Name of Employer (if applicable)	Type of Relationship (Licensing, Regulatory, Business)

13. Have you or a member of your immediate family been registered as a lobbyist or lobbyist principal within the 12 months preceding your filing of this form?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Lobbyist	Lobbyist's Principal	Date of Registration	Registration Expiration

Other Disclosures

14. During 2022, after you were appointed, employed, or filed or were nominated as a candidate, did you

- receive any "gift(s)" exceeding $200 per quarter from a person or group of persons acting together,
- when both you and those person(s) were outside North Carolina,
- under circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to conclude the gifts were given for lobbying?

To answer Yes, all three conditions must apply

☐ Yes ☒ No

► Do not report gifts given by members of your extended family.
► Do not report gifts you have previously reported on the "Expense Report for Exempted Persons."

Date Item Received	Name and Address of Donor(s)	Describe Item Received	Estimated Market Value

15. During 2022, after you were appointed, employed, or filed or were nominated as a candidate, did you

- accept a "scholarship" exceeding $200 related to your public position from a person or group of persons acting together,
- when those person(s) were outside North Carolina?

To answer Yes, both conditions must apply

A "scholarship" is a grant-in-aid, either direct or indirect, to attend a conference, meeting, or similar event, including tuition, travel, lodging, meals, and other similar expenses.

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Judicial Officer - You are not required to complete this question if you are filing solely because you are a legislator or judicial officer or as a candidate or appointee to those offices.

► Do not report gifts you have previously reported on the "Expense Report for Exempted Persons."

► Legislators are not required to report scholarships paid by a nonpartisan legislative organization of which the legislator or the General Assembly is a member, participant, or affiliate.

Date of Scholarship	Name and Address of Donor(s)	Describe Event	Estimated Market Value

16. Have you been appointed or considered for appointment to a covered board by the Governor or another Council of State member?

Council of State members are:

- ► Governor
- ► Lt. Governor
- ► Secretary of State
- ► State Auditor
- ► State Treasurer
- ► Superintendent of Public Instruction
- ► Attorney General
- ► Commissioner of Agriculture
- ► Commissioner of Labor
- ► Commissioner of Insurance

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," list all contributions you made in 2022 with a cumulative total of more than $1,000 to the Council of State member who appointed you. Do not include contributions from immediate family members.

► Contributions are defined broadly in N.C.G.S. 163-278.6(6) and include "any advance, conveyance, deposit, distribution, transfer of funds, loan, payment, gift, pledge or subscription of money or anything of value whatsoever."

Date	Amount	Contributed to

17. Are you an appointee or prospective appointee as:	
a. the head of a principal state department (e.g., cabinet secretary) appointed by the Governor; or b. a North Carolina Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals, Superior or District Court Judge; or c. a member of any of the following boards: • ABC Commission • Coastal Resources Commission • State Board of Education • State Board of Elections • Division of Employment Security • Environmental Management Commission • Industrial Commission • Human Resources Commission • Rules Review Commission • Board of Transportation • Utilities Commission • Wildlife Resources Commission	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **If "No," proceed to question 18.**
d. If so, were you appointed or are you being considered for appointment to that position by a Council of State member?	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **If "No," proceed to question 18.**
e. If so, you must indicate whether during 2022 you engaged in any of the following activities with respect to or on behalf of the candidate or campaign committee of the Council of State member who appointed you: i. Collected contributions from multiple contributors, took possession of such multiple contributions, and transferred or delivered those collected contributions to the candidate or committee?	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
ii. Hosted a fundraiser at your residence or place of business?	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
iii. Volunteered for campaign-related activities, including phone banks, event assistance, mailings, canvassing, surveying, or any other activity that advances the campaign of a candidate?	☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

18. Have you ever been convicted of a felony for which you have not received either: (i) a pardon; or (ii) an order of expungement?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Offense	Date of Conviction	County of Conviction	State of Conviction

19. Are you aware of any other information that *you believe* may assist the Ethics Commission in advising you concerning your compliance with the State Government Ethics Act?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, please provide that information below.

Affirmation

The information provided in this Statement of Economic Interest and any attachments are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I have not transferred, and will not transfer, any asset, interest, or property for the purpose of concealing it from disclosure while retaining an equitable interest.

I understand that my Statement of Economic Interest and any attachments except for the Confidential Form regarding Unemancipated Children are public records.

I have read and understand the following statutes:

> N.C.G.S. § 138A-26. Concealing or failing to disclose material information.
>
> A filing person who knowingly conceals or knowingly fails to disclose information that is required to be disclosed on a statement of economic interest . . . shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and subject to disciplinary action under G.S. 138A-45.
>
> N.C.G.S. § 138A-27. Penalty for false information.
>
> A filing person who provides false information on a statement of economic interest . . . knowing that the information is false is guilty of a Class H felony and shall be subject to disciplinary action under G.S. 138A-45.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Filed Electronically
Signature

04/07/2023
Date

Kevin Roger Crutchfield
Printed Name