

I welcome the opportunity clear my name and reputation from these groundless and malicious allegations.

As you can appreciate I am unable to discuss the details of this matter as they are now properly before the Courts.

I want however to reaffirm that while I appreciate the legal implications and perceptions that can be formed, I would like to remind the media and the public that things are seldom as they are first portrayed and most certainly that is true in this instance.

I also want to reassure my constituents and all residents of Pickering, that this in no way will this hinder the level of commitment and the service that I have provided to them for the past 21 years.