

House of Representatives

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Roberta S. Clark, Community Director
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Dear Roberta,

I am grateful for the chance to apologize for my offensive comments while debating on the house floor on April 17, 2013.

Watching the video was painful. I was horrified and ashamed. What I said was wrong and hurtful to many good and decent people. My words were unintentional and careless and do not indicate what is in my heart.

This is a serious offense and I have no excuse for using such a thoughtless phrase. It will not happen again.

I have learned through this terrible experience that words are important and the improper use of words can be devastating to others.

I have also learned that people are amazingly compassionate and ready to forgive those who demonstrate sincere remorse and reach out to make amends.

It is a lesson I will never forget.

Respectfully,



Dennis Johnson