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Dealing with the constant attacks and whispered accusations against Set has been frustrating for us sometimes. We would rather talk about the issues and how best to make Philadelphia a safer city for everyone.

The truth is, Philadelphia's criminal justice system is fundamentally broken, with hardened criminals cycling in and out of jail. Hundreds are killed annually by handguns and thousands more are victims of gun violence. Too many Philadelphians not only feel unsafe on the streets, they feel unsafe in their homes.

Our opponents should be focusing on providing real solutions to real problems. But still, almost every day, we have to respond to some false accusation made by one of our opponents. Well, sometimes words fail to express how frustrated we are. Luckily, words didn't fail *The Daily News'* editorial board today.

*Despite the assertion of Dan McCaffery's campaign that his challenge to Seth Williams was "not a technical 'gotcha,' the courts found otherwise Wednesday and restored Williams to the ballot in the race for District Attorney. Williams was thrown off for failing to list reimbursements of campaign expenses as income, as required by financial disclosure forms. Such expenses are not considered income by the IRS, the state Department of Revenue or the state Ethics Commission, so it's hard not to assume the worst about the motives behind the challenge. That's why we're cranky, not only at the tactic, but at McCaffery's statement on the news. After "welcoming Williams back to the race," he said he won't appeal so as not to "distract voters at a time when they would be better served focusing on the key differences between Seth's record and mine."*

*His example? Calling Williams "a candidate who had to admit...that he must use his mother's credit card to make purchases." Is this a schoolyard, or a campaign?*

*Speaking of technicalities, in a statement last month, McCaffery referred to Mayor Nutter with "all do respect." The proper word is "due." Is that challengeable?*

If you care about the future of the City and want to focus on real issues rather than childish taunts, please consider helping Seth's campaign by either volunteering or making a donation today.

Thank you.