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To the Pulitzer Prize judges:

Spiteful legislators, pass-the-buck governors, egomaniacal airport directors: In the Carolinas, they wake up every morning and turn to The Charlotte Observer's editorial page with a touch of dread, peeking to see who Observer cartoonist Kevin Siers has jabbed that day. From the county commissioners chairman to President Obama, no one can avoid Siers' watchful eye and sharp wit. That's why it is with great pride that we submit for your consideration Siers' work for the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning.

Siers, who ably replaced Pulitzer Prize winner Doug Marlette at the Observer, combines artistic talent with critical thinking and a sharp wit. That combination forces readers – and particularly leaders statewide – to pick up the Observer or go to our website every day to see who Siers has exposed.

His eye is trained on no single party or ideology. Siers is wonderfully nonpartisan in his distaste for deceit, cravenness, greed and hypocrisy among public officials. He has range: He can be playful or reverent. And he is as comfortable pointing out the absurdities of Charlotte's and North Carolina's public life as he is calling out those on the national and international stage.

Be it Obamacare, the NSA's snooping, the fight over gun control or Congress' paralysis, Siers sees through the rhetoric and delivers an important message – while giving readers a laugh. He is a voracious reader and a student of public policy, and that's evident in his work.

His "You Write the Caption" contest at [www.charlotteobserver.com/opinion](http://www.charlotteobserver.com/opinion) is among our most popular online features, getting hundreds of entries and many thousands of page views each week.

With his artistic talent, critical thinking and insatiable appetite for news, Siers is producing some of the nation's best editorial cartooning. We invite you to take a close look, and believe you'll find his 2013 portfolio worthy of the Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning.

Sincerely,



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