

# Dianne Byrum

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September 29, 1999

Office of the General Counsel  
Attn: F. Andrew Turley, Supervising Attorney  
Federal Elections Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 4923

VIA: Facsimile and First Class Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Dear Mr. Turley:

This is in response to the above referenced complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by the Michigan Republican State Committee. The complaint alleges violations by the Dianne Byrum for Congress Committee of the reporting requirements as they relate to earmarked contributions.

Specifically, the complaint alleges that the Byrum for Congress Committee did not "report the earmarked contributions". To the contrary, the Committee reported each contribution it had received during the reporting period, regardless of the dollar amount. What it inadvertently failed to do was identify each of the contributions in question as having been received through an intermediary or conduit. Upon learning of its error, the Committee immediately contacted FEC staff to discuss how best to correct the error. Based on the information we received, the Committee filed an amendment containing the necessary information. The amendment was mailed to the FEC on September 2, 1999.

As part of its public assertions on this matter, the Michigan Republican State Committee has alleged that the Byrum Committee intended to mislead the FEC and the public by not reporting the receipt of contributions from persons who were solicited by Emily's List and the New Democrat Network. There was no intent

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to mislead or deceive; if there had been an intent to mislead or deceive, the Committee would not have included in its original report, those expenditures it made to Emily's List for mailing purposes.

Not only did the Committee not intend to violate the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, but it also corrected its error as soon as possible after learning of it. Further as noted above, the contributions in question were each listed in the original filing.

For these reasons, the Dianne Byrum for Congress Committee respectfully requests that the above referenced complaint be dismissed. Please feel free to contact the Committee or its designated Counsel if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

  
Hilda Patricia Curran  
Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 4923

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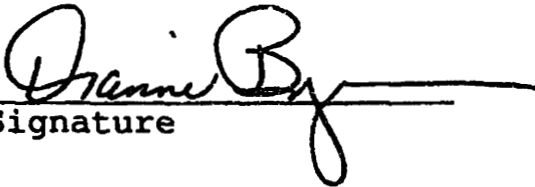
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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my  
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other  
communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf  
before the Commission.

09/28/99  
Date

  
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Dianne Byrum

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