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The Federal Election Commission
Office of the General Counsel
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Demaris Miller and I reside at 903 Turkey Run Road, McLean VA 22101. I am a Republican candidate for Congress in Virginia's 8th congressional district.

I am writing this letter to make a formal complaint against the Moran for Congress Committee, located at PO Box 2516, Alexandria, VA 22301. The complaint relates to 11 CFR sec. 113.1(g)(1)(ii)(D) governing automobile expenses.

The specific complaint I wish to file is as follows:

According to recent news reports in the Washington Post, Washington Times, et al., starting on 4/11/00 to the present, Congressman Jim Moran alleges that he was the victim of a "car-jacking" on his way to pick up his children at a local recreation center in Alexandria on 4/7/00. The car in question is a 1999 Toyota Avalon which is presently being leased by Congressman Moran's campaign committee in the amount of \$468 per month. Insurance is also being provided for the vehicle in the amount of \$458 by GEICO as of 4/17/00 FEC report filing deadline.

In this case, Congressman Moran has his campaign committee leasing a car for almost \$500 per month, plus car insurance. Having a car is an expense that most, if not all citizens must figure into their household budget. So, why does the Congressman require his campaign committee to lease a car for both his "personal" and "professional" use? Congressman Moran clearly uses the car in question for "personal chores" and "personal travel" as evidenced by the incident involving the alleged "car-jacking" in Alexandria earlier this month.

In accordance with the FEC's prohibition on the use of campaign funds for "personal use," we are asking that the FEC investigate Congressman Moran's "personal" use of the car and his non-reimbursement of the campaign committee for his personal use. According to the latest FEC report filed by the Moran for Congress campaign, there is no such reimbursement for the use of the car, despite the fact that Congressman Moran does not apparently own his own automobile.

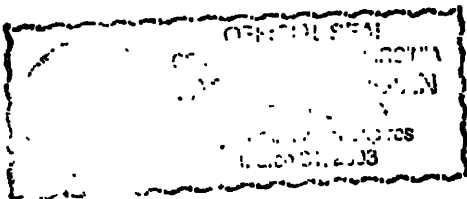
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Sincerely yours,

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WASHINGTON, D C 20463

May 3, 2000

Demaris Miller
903 Turkey Run Road
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 21, 2000. As we previously notified you on April 21, 2000, the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended and Commission Regulations require that the contents of a complaint meet certain specific requirements. Your most recent letter does not meet these requirements. Although your letter was signed in the presence of a notary public and notarized, it was not sworn to, as required.

In order to file a legally sufficient complaint, you must swear before a notary that the contents of your complaint are true to the best of your knowledge and the notary must represent as part of the jurat that such swearing occurred. The preferred form is "Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of ____, 19__." A statement by the notary that the complaint was sworn to and subscribed before her also will be sufficient.

Please note that this matter will remain confidential for a 15 day period to allow you to correct the defects in your complaint. If the complaint is corrected and refiled within the 15 day period, the respondents will be so informed and provided a copy of the corrected complaint. The respondents will then have an additional 15 days to respond to the complaint on the merits. If the complaint is not corrected, the file will be closed and no additional notification will be provided to the respondents.

We regret the inconvenience that these requirements may cause you, but we are not statutorily empowered to proceed with the handling of a compliance action unless all the statutory requirements are fulfilled. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Retha Dixon".

Retha Dixon
Docket Manager

cc: Moran for Congress Committee

