

# Jim Feldkamp for Congress

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RE: MUR5543

Mr. Jordan,

Regarding your recent letter of inquiry about travel expenses for the Jim Feldkamp for Congress Campaign.

The end of June, Mr. Feldkamp traveled to Boston to visit his daughter for Father's Day, on his return trip he stopped in San Jose to visit with friends. While in San Jose he held two campaign related meetings. Since the trip was primarily for pleasure (visiting his daughter and seeing friends) and not for campaign activity it was not reported.

On Mr. Feldkamp's trip to Washington DC later that month, his primary reason for visiting was to train with his Naval Reserve unit based in Northern Virginia. While he was in town a fundraiser was held for him at the Capitol Hill Club. Since the primary reason for the travel was reservist training, and he would have made the trip with or without the scheduled fundraiser, we didn't include the trip as a travel expense.

It is my understanding that for a trip to count as a campaign expense it has to be primarily for campaign purposes. Since both of these trips were primarily for personal purposes, and were of only incidental use to the campaign, they were not reported as a travel expense. If this is not the case we will be happy to report the expenses.

As for the final claim that Mr. Feldkamp stated that the complaint was "something that the FEC won't be concerned about." That is absolutely false. Mr. Feldkamp never stated that, he takes these matters very seriously.

If additional reporting is needed on our part please let me know.

Sincerely,



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