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Federal Elections Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20463  
Attn: Alva DeJarnett-Miller

Re: MUR 5662

Ms. DeJarnett-Miller

This is to respond to a campaign finance complaint (designated MUR 5662 by the FEC). With your help, I received the above referenced complaint on June 24, 2005 and have now had an opportunity to review it. I believe the complaint is without grounds for the following reasons:

1. The complaint mistakenly suggests that my ad should be governed by the FEC. The FEC is, in my understanding, involved in the regulation of campaigns and their funding. At the time I ran this ad there was no campaign in progress. Specifically to my knowledge, Representative Camp had not announced that he would run for reelection, nor had anyone else announced their intentions to run in 2006. Furthermore, I am not a candidate for anything. Therefore I believe that my actions cannot be in violation of any FEC regulations.
2. It is also factually incorrect in stating that my ad was a paid political advertisement. I took out this ad solely to exercise my right as an American citizen to protest the actions of Congressman Camp, my Congressional Representative. As noted above, I am not, nor do I intend to be a candidate for any political office. Nor was this ad sponsored, suggested by, or encouraged by any political party. In fact the only people who knew of my ad before it ran were members of my family and those employees of the Traverse City Record Eagle involved in its publication.
3. With regard to the anonymous nature of my ad, I decided on this course to ensure the safety of my family and myself. Quite frankly I know that the position that I took in the ad would not be welcomed by various organizations including but not limited to the fanatical extremists within the Michigan Militia and the Right to Life Movement. Some of these people have been known to take violent action in support of their views. I therefore felt it prudent to keep my identity secret, choosing to identify myself only as a Concerned Citizen.
4. In addition to all of the above the complaint alleges that I spent \$4000-4500 on this ad. This is incorrect. The cost was in fact \$1829.52.

Given all of the above I respectfully request that the Federal Elections Commission dismiss this complaint as being without merit. In addition, I would request that my identity not be revealed to the complainant due to the concerns noted above. While I do

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not know the complainant, I am aware that she lives not far from me. It is also clear from the effort that she put forth in attempting to find me, first via the Record Eagle, then by filing with the State of Michigan and finally by contacting the FEC, that she is quite willing to take action against me.

Once again, I appreciate your prompt assistance in getting a copy of the complaint to me so that I could respond in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding any of the above please contact me. I can be reached at 231 223 9805.

Sincerely,

  
Forest D. Jones  
"A Concerned Citizen"

→ Cc. Jeff S. Jordan  
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