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Dear Mr. Herman,

I am writing to file a formal complaint with the Federal Election Commission about the U.S. Congressional Campaign for Vance Patterson in the 11th District of North Carolina. Vance Patterson's campaign committee has registered with the FEC. The following information is from his FEC filing on 02/19/2012—the Statement of Candidacy (full form attached).

SENSITIVE

1. Vance Patterson
4950 Canterbury Place
Morganton, NC 28655

MUR # 6608

- 2. Identification Number: H0NC10169
- 3. Party: Republican Party
- 4. Office Sought: House of Representatives
- 5-6. State & District of Candidate: North Carolina - 11

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

7. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the 2012 election(s).

Families and Friends for Vance
FEC ID #: C00472266
4950 Canterbury Place
Morganton, NC 28655

Vance Patterson is violating the following FEC rule: "Any public communication made by a political committee, even those that do not contain a solicitation or express advocacy, must include a disclaimer. 2 U.S.C. 441d(a); 110.11(a)."

I have seen these signs myself, and they do not have a disclaimer on them. The Vance Patterson campaign even put one of their signs on my personal property without my permission (4195 Soco Rd/HWY 19 in Maggie Valley, NC), right in front of a sign I had put there for another candidate.


I believe the signs pictured below were placed by paid campaign staff for Vance Patterson because of this video online: <http://vimeo.com/44636781>. The video says the Patterson campaign crew was on a two week mission in Western North Carolina and pictures at least two paid staffers for the campaign, Eddie Jolly and Ron Lewis, putting out signs (FEC Schedule B disbursement attached, Jolly and Lewis marked with red rectangle).

Thank you for your consideration of this complaint.

Mr. Jim Blythe
P.O. Box 1475
Maggie Valley, NC 28751

State of North Carolina
County of Lenoir

Sworn to and subscribed before me on
the 16 day of July, 2012

 **JAMES L. RING**
Notary Public, North Carolina
Commission Expires 12/31/14
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