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Re: MUR 6906

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Dear Frankie Hampton,

Here is my response to the complaint filed against me by Congresswoman Robin Kelly's 'Senior Advisor' Richard Bryant, known as "Rick", who is the former Chief of Staff to the admitted felon former Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. of 19 years.

This complaint should be dismissed. In the prior elections, 2012 and 2013 for 2nd District Congressman of Illinois running as an independent, I spent a grand total of \$3520.00 for both election campaigns. These funds were from my own money. Thus, there was no need to file with the FEC.

In the 2014 General Election, I ran again as a "Write-in Candidate", Independent, and I had no need to file at all having borrowed and spent \$2070.00 on a billboard, \$795.00 on a website and a app, \$845.00 on palm cards handouts.

It wasn't till the last week before the November 4th, 2014 election, I borrowed \$8045.00 to advertise on three radio stations, WVAZ 102.7 FM (V103) \$6600.00, WVON 1690 AM, \$645.00 and WBBM Newsradio 78 (780 AM), \$800.00.

There was no purchase of any newspaper ad at all. I was endorsed by the Kankakee City News and the showing of my campaign emblem was the editors' doing not through any purchase on my part nor did I request it. It was posted as part of a story about my campaign. It is certainly not as Robin Kelly's 'Senior Advisor' Rick Bryant would have you believe.

I had been very sick at the time to file for December 4th, 2014 deadline (my medical tests can be provided for this time period upon request) being I was the sole officer for the campaign, wearing all the hats so to speak, that I was unable to timely file for that quarter, when I received this complaint on December 6th, 2014.

I called the FEC on December 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th leaving voicemails as no one answered my calls to inform them of my lapse in timely filing the overage and it was not till December 12th that I spoke to Frankie Hampton told her of this complaint and was instructed to simply answer the complaint by the 22nd of December which I am doing so.

I am being doggedly pursued by Rick Bryant with the approval of Congresswoman Robin Kelly filing complaints on me for any and everything they can think of. Now they are using the FEC to further harass me. It has gotten so bad I have filed a complaint of this unethical behavior with the Office of Congressional Ethics. Rick Bryant came to you simply to use you as a way to cause me unnecessary grief simply because I ran legally in the race and campaigned legally seeking this office in Congress to represent the 2nd District of Illinois.

My complaint showing and exposing Rick Bryant's unrelenting, unethical behavior must be investigated as Robin Kelly using Rick Bryant to harass me for simply participating in the race whereby he uses his official capacity to go behind the scenes and contact the president of WVAZ here in Chicago to inform him to take down my ads from the radio station. (See the email and documents I will fax to your office as I email this response) confirming Bryant's contacting and demanding my ads be taken off the air. Plus Bryant's

using the U.S. House of Representatives General Counsel to write a threatening letter to me and have it FedExed to my home one day after the end of the General Election in his attempt to intimidate me which was despicable.

Therefore, since I reached out to the FEC to let make you aware of my situation and my desire to file, I would hope you will accept this as the filing for December 4th, 2014 and if there is a late fee would you please notify me of what it is. If you need any other documentation concerning the purchases above, please feel free to request them and I will provide them to you.

I hope this will close this very simple lapse in timely filing as it was not done intentionally at all.

Any other questions or concerns you may contact me directly at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Marcus Lewis

The Truth wins out in the end...Always.