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Hello,

I am writing to you concerning the complaint filed by Mike Turner,

1. After reviewing what I spent, it is possible that I went beyond the \$5000 amount for my congressional run in 2014. I will work with the people at your office to complete the required FEC report, I am sorry it is late. However there is no possible way that it was more than ten thousand. My opponent Mike Turner is a seven term congressman. He has raised MILLIONS!

2. Mr. Turner also complained that I did not have the required disclosure on my website www.klepinger2016.com. In your packet I direct your attention to my bumper sticker, it clearly states that it is paid for by R Klepinger for congress. When informed of this I had my friend put paid for by RKlepinger for congress on every page.

3. Mr. Turner also complained that I wrote letters asking the same people to give me money that gave him money. I wrote many such letters. I just figured that it was public information made public such that if someone else needed campaign money they could go to the same source. It was an amateur mistake, I am guilty. I would like to add that not one single person or company gave me any money at all. Only one company acknowledged that I even wrote to them, and that was BP oil.

4. I want the FEC to understand one thing, I am doing this on my own. I am a high school chemistry teacher. I am running for congress because I want to do good. I do not have a committee. I do not have a campaign manager. I have had some, but not much support from the state and county Democratic parties. I do not have knowledge of campaign law. I feel as if Mr. Turner is being a bully, trying to put me in my place for even bothering to challenge him. Is this the function of the FEC to keep average everyday citizens from trying to do their civic duty and participate in government? How much in legal fees did he spend to bring forth such a complaint? How much is it costing you to investigate this incident? You are the ones that need to decide. Am I guilty, yes. I suppose it is up to you to decide who is more wrong, me for trying to do good, or Mr. Turner for punishing me for having the nerve to run against him. Friends, this is the United States of America, we are dedicated to the proposition that all men were created equal. Its just a crying shame that all candidates are not. We should not have rules that eliminate the common man from participating in government. I suspect that these rules were written by people that wish to keep and maintain their government jobs. I promise that in the future I will do my best to comply with the rules. I have learned what I did wrong, and will not make the same mistakes.

Thank you,
 Robert Klepinger