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To: Federal Election Commission

Subj: Self-Reporting of FEC Violation in case of H6OK05269

On 4 April, in preparation for the initial campaign filing, a Federal Election Commission rules review was conducted. During this review, attention was brought to the "notice" at the bottom of the "Campaign Finance Reports and Data" FEC.gov web page, which states:

"Reports and statements filed by political committees may be inspected and copied by anyone. The names and addresses of individual contributors, however, may not be sold or used for any commercial purpose or to solicit any type of contribution or donation, such as political or charitable contributions."

Frank Volpe for Congress, inappropriately, without willful intent to violate FEC regulations, used FEC published information from fec.Beta.gov for informative and fundraising purposes.

112 fundraising letters, that used FEC report information, were mailed on 24 March, 2016. This activity was conducted unknowing that this was a violation of FEC regulations.

As of 4 April 2016, zero funds have been received from any of these letters.

Current remedial actions being taken:

-Frank Volpe for Congress now has a database that strictly uses sources other than FEC information.

-If any contributions to Frank Volpe for Congress are received from the 112 fundraising letters that were mailed, they will be immediately refunded/returned with a letter explaining the nature of refund/return.

-This is an isolated incident. FEC data will never be used again by Frank Volpe for Congress for fundraising purposes.

Recommendation for beta.FEC.gov:

The FEC Beta website is clearly marked as a "work in progress", however it is very useful and makes accessing the data very easy. Consideration should be given to including a "Terms and Conditions" pop-up warning that includes the aforementioned notice when "Campaign Finance Data" is accessed.

Frank Volpe for Congress is committed to maintaining the highest standards of honesty and integrity, ensuring this does not happen again, and is standing-by to fully cooperate in resolving this matter.

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