



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 27, 2018

Howard Morris

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91701

Dear Mr. Morris:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter on April 23, 2018, regarding possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). The Act and Commission Regulations require that the contents of a complaint meet certain specific requirements. Your letter does not meet these requirements. Specifically, your letter was not sworn to sufficiently, as required under the Act.

In order to file a legally sufficient complaint, the complaint must be signed, and its contents sworn to, by the individual filing the complaint in the presence of a notary public. *See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1).* The preferred form is "**Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_.**" It is not sufficient for the notary to state that an individual acknowledged a document before him or her.

Please note that this matter will remain confidential for a 15 day period to allow you to correct the defects in your complaint. If the complaint is corrected and refiled within the 15 day period, the respondents will be so informed and provided a copy of the corrected complaint. The respondents will then have an additional 15 days to respond to the complaint on the merits. If the complaint is not corrected, the file will be closed and no additional notification will be provided to the respondents.

We regret the inconvenience that these requirements may cause you, but we are not statutorily empowered to proceed with the handling of a compliance action unless all the statutory requirements are fulfilled. *See 52 U.S.C. § 30109.* If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Mary deBeau  
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Complaints Examination  
& Legal Administration