



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR: 4621

Dear Mr. Hogle:

This letter is to confirm our recent telephone conversation regarding the confidentiality provisions under which the Federal Election Commission operates.

A matter, such as MUR 4621, that is under investigation by the Federal Election Commission remains confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) unless a given respondent notifies the Commission in writing that the respondent wishes the case to be made public. Once the Commission has officially closed a case, the confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) no longer apply and the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days.

All the correspondence and materials that Berman, Gaufin, Tomsic & Savage sends to this office on behalf of the Cook 98 Re-election Committee and Avis Lewis, as treasurer, during the pendency of this matter are considered to have been submitted in compliance with the above-referenced provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act. Thus, documentation produced thus far by the respondents in the instant matter are subject to being placed on the public record. In addition, to the extent that the Commission relies on materials in making its findings, those particular items will be placed on the public record at the conclusion of the case. For any documents that a respondent believes are proprietary in nature, a written request that those items remain confidential at the close of the case should be to this Office in advance of production.

Given that you may not have previously been familiar with these procedures, if it turns out that you have submitted documents on behalf of the Cook 98 Re-Election Committee and Avis Lewis, as treasurer, that you wish to remain confidential, please

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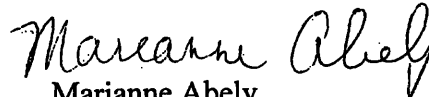
Cook '98 Re-election Committee and Avis Lewis, as treasurer

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identify those items in writing as soon as possible and I will attempt to determine if there is anything that can be done to accommodate your request.

As always, if you have any questions regarding this MUR, please contact me at (202)694-1596.

Sincerely,


Marianne Abely

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