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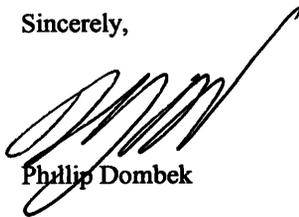
Re: MUR 5057

Dear Mr. Rigsby:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this date, enclosed please find the statement of my client, John A. Hamill, in response to the inquiry being conducted by your agency

My third client's statement will follow shortly.

Sincerely,



Phillip Dombek

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Attn: Joel J. Roessner

Re: MUR 5057 Statement of John A. Hamill

Dear Mr. Roessner:

In response to the above referenced MUR alleging that I violated 2 U.S.C. §441f of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, I am providing this statement of my recollection of contributions made to the 1998 Dear for Congress, Inc. ("the Committee") election campaign.

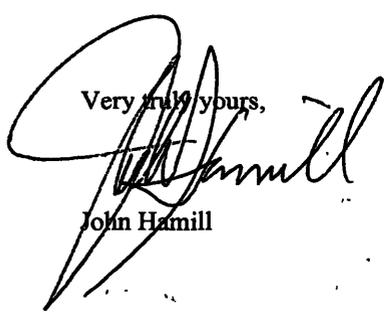
My business activities include a focus in the New York City taxi and limousine industry. Mr. Dear had been one of the few local politicians who voiced support for the industry in opposition to proposals of more burdensome municipal regulation. Naturally, it has been in my own interest to support Mr. Dear's election campaigns for the past several years

In fact, I have been a supporter of Mr. Dear since about 1993. So have many members of my extended family, some of whom are also the subject this investigation. While my income is not as reliant on the taxi industry as theirs, it is significant enough to warrant making campaign contributions to Mr. Dear.

Therefore I have participated in an annual family practice of gathering contributions from individual family members for transmission to election campaigns. I believe this is exactly what happened in connection with my 1998 contribution to "the Committee". I was not the one charged with the responsibility for that particular family chore. To the best of my recollection, I authorized a family member to make a contribution in my name with the understanding that I would reimburse him.

This concludes my statement. If you require anything further, please feel free to contact my attorney.

Very truly yours,


John Hamill