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Lawrence Noble, General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
Washington DC 20463

Dear Mr. Noble:

I am writing to file a complaint against Bill McCollum, a candidate for a US Senate seat from Florida, and the Republican Party of Florida. In an article published Friday, Sept. 8, in the Miami Herald, it was reported that Mr. McCollum and the state GOP have been raising illegal corporate contributions directly for the benefit of the McCollum campaign.

I believe the Federal Election Commission should act immediately to stop this illegal fundraising activity, conduct a thorough investigation of this activity and then impose whatever penalty is deemed appropriate.

According to the Herald, an agent for Mr. McCollum – Florida House Speaker John Thrasher – sent out an invitation that billed a \$20,000-per-ticket fundraising luncheon as a “benefit for the Senate campaign of US Rep. Bill McCollum,” and saying the state political party would maintain corporate money earmarked for McCollum.

This article documents a series of acts that leaves no doubt that the Florida GOP and the McCollum campaign are breaking the federal law. It is my understanding this law makes it illegal to spend any corporate funds for the purpose of supporting a US Senate candidate.

Even to me, there can be no clearer violation of this law than soliciting funds with the name of a specific US Senate candidate, and then telling a corporation that its contribution to the state party will help that candidate’s election effort. The net effect of this is to keep secret the corporate sponsors behind Mr. McCollum.

With the fundraising event in question scheduled for Sept. 22 – just about ten days from now – I hope the FEC will begin an immediate investigation.

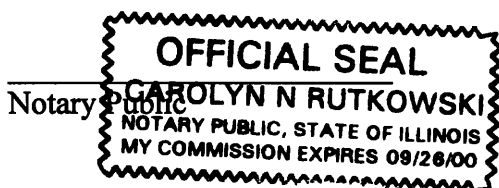
Sincerely,



Michael J. Broder
13700 SW 20th Street
Davie, Florida 33325

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th day of September 2000.



9/11/00

My commission expires: 9/26/00

CC: L. Clayton Robert, director
Division of Elections
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