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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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Federal Election Commission  
999 "E" Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: *MUR 5304*

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We represent Tom Calderon for Assembly (the "Committee") and Phillip Pace, the treasurer of the Committee. We write in response to the unfounded and irresponsible charges made by the National Republican Congressional Committee against Mr. Pace and the Committee.

Tom Calderon has been a member of the California Assembly since 1998 where he has served with Dennis Cardoza. Mr. Cardoza is running in one of the most competitive congressional districts in the country, a fact borne out by the National Republican Congressional Committee's focus on the race. As a longtime colleague and supporter of Mr. Cardoza, Mr. Calderon's state campaign committee contributed \$1,000 to Cardoza for Congress on December 31, 2001, for the primary election. At the time the contribution was made, the Committee had not received any contributions from Friends of Dennis Cardoza. This, of course, does not fit the pattern of alleged "money-laundering" described by the complainant whereby "[t]he state and local campaigns who received the Cardoza non-federal money returned the favor by donating generous sums to Cardoza's federal campaign account . . ." Tom Calderon for Assembly made a contribution to Cardoza for Congress *before* Friends of Dennis Cardoza contributed to Tom Calderon for Assembly.

More important, there was no agreement, express or implied, that Tom Calderon for Assembly would contribute to Cardoza for Congress if Friends of Dennis Cardoza contributed to Tom Calderon for Assembly. The Committee made a decision to contribute to Mr. Cardoza's congressional effort before, and independent of, Friends of Dennis Cardoza's contribution to the Committee. When Mr. Cardoza prevailed in the primary, Tom Calderon for

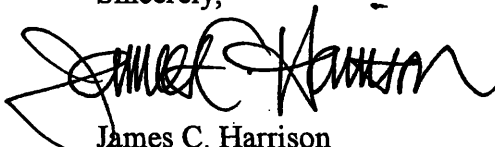
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Assembly made another contribution to support Mr. Cardoza's general election effort. As was the case with the Committee's primary election contribution, there was no connection between the Committee's contribution to Cardoza for Assembly and its receipt of a contribution from Friends of Dennis Cardoza. That friends and colleagues should support one another reflects mutual respect, not evidence of money laundering.

The National Republican Congressional Committee has not stated facts sufficient to justify an investigation. The complaint is nothing more than a campaign tactic. It should be dismissed.

Sincerely,



James C. Harrison

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Enclosures