



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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RE: MUR 5689
IBEW Local Union 429
IBEW Local Union 429 COPE Fund

Dear Mr. Kurnick:

On November 30, 2005, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, IBEW Local Union 429, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On May 11, 2006, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe IBEW Local Union 429 or IBEW Local Union 429 COPE Fund violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433 and 434 of the Act by failing to register and report as a political committee.

At the same time, the Commission found reason to believe IBEW Local Union 429's transmittal of contributions to the IBEW COPE Fund violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(2)(B) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.8(b)(2). However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed its file.

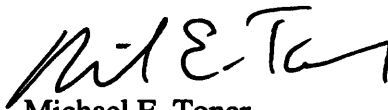
Nevertheless, the Commission admonishes you that contributions of \$50 or less that are collected for a political committee that is not an authorized committee of a candidate must be forwarded to the treasurer of the committee within 30 days of receipt. In addition, every person who receives a contribution in excess of \$50 for a political committee that is not an authorized committee of a candidate must forward the contribution to the treasurer within 10 days of receipt, along with the name and address of the contributor and the date of receipt of the contribution. See 2 U.S.C. § 432(b)(2)(B) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.8(b)(2). Your client should take steps to ensure that it meets these requirements.

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Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Elena Paoli, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Toner", written in a cursive style.

Michael E. Toner
Chairman

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General Counsel's Report

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