



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

**APR 16 2007**

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RE: MUR 5872  
Hague for Congress

Dear Mr. Willard:

On October 30, 2006, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your clients, Hague for Congress and Lindsey Echelbarger, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(c)(5), 434(b)(4)(G), and 434(b)(6)(A), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b). At your request, on April 12, 2007, the Commission determined to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

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In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 60 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

During conciliation, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the resolution of this matter. Because the Commission only enters into pre-probable cause conciliation in matters that it believes have a reasonable opportunity for settlement, we may proceed to the next step in the enforcement process if a mutually acceptable conciliation agreement cannot be reached within 60 days. See 2 U.S.C. § 437(g)(a), 11 C.F.R. Part 111 (Subpart A). Please note that once the Commission enters the next step in the enforcement process, it may decline to engage in further settlement discussions until after making a probable cause finding.

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If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with negotiating a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Kate Belinski  
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