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Date: June 11, 2010

Federal Elections Commission  
c/o Kim Collins  
Complaints Examination  
And Legal Administration  
999 E. Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 6279

Dear Ms. Collins,

Pursuant to your notice dated April 29, 2010, I am responding on behalf of Robert Lee, Regina Lee, Tim Denari, Mary Denari, Riaz Chauthani, and Donna Chauthani. This response constitutes a demonstration that no action should be taken against U.S. Dry Cleaning Services Corporation or any of the individuals listed above.

Robert Lee, Tim Denari, Riaz Chauthani and Mr. Ogbe all worked for U.S. Dry Cleaning Services Corporation. Each one of these individuals, along with each of their spouses, made a \$4,800 contribution to Senator David Vitter's campaign on or about August 20, 2009.

The complaint received by the Federal Elections Commission appears to originate from a story in the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* stating that Jamal Ogbe donated \$4,800 to U.S. Senator David Vitter, and then alleges that Mr. Ogbe was reimbursed \$4,800 by U.S. Dry Cleaning Services Corporation. This is false. While I cannot speak for Mr. Ogbe, I can relay to you precisely how the four employees were compensated.

Msrs. Lee, Denari, Chauthani and Ogbe, at the relevant times, were senior employees in management at U.S. Dry Cleaning Services Corporation. Each of them was owed significant amounts of money in back wages. When funds became available to make progress on back wages, the Company wrote checks to these employees. The funds paid to these employees were earned wages. Moreover, the funds paid out reduced the amount that the Company owed to these individuals.


Thus, while Mr. Ogbe is alleged to have concluded that he was reimbursed for the contribution, he is misguided in his understanding if that is in fact what he claims. He was simply paid back wages that were owed to him.

## SCOTT BAUGH

If it would be helpful to your analysis, we can provide you copies of the books where these transactions are reflected. In addition, we can make available to you personnel in the Company that can walk you through the books and how compensation was given to senior management in the Company.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any further information.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Baugh