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Re: MUR 6381

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Please be advised that I am counsel for Herrick Memorial Hospital ("Herrick"), one of the respondents in the above referenced matter. I am writing you today in response to your letter of September 23, 2010, to Mr. Jeffrey C. Kuhn of the ProMedica Health System, Inc., Herrick's parent corporation.

The above referenced complaint specifically states that the commercial in question was paid for by the American Hospital Association ("AHA"). The only reference to Herrick is that it happens to be a hospital where Mr. Blank received treatment, and that it happens to be a member of the AHA. Herrick does not understand why or how this would justify any complaint against it.

The affidavit submitted herewith confirms that Herrick had no involvement whatsoever with the commercial in question. It did not authorize the commercial, it was not involved in any way with its production, and it did not arrange for its broadcast. While Herrick does pay general membership dues to the AHA, Herrick is not aware of whether any portion of its membership dues was used to pay for the commercial in question.

In light of the foregoing, Herrick requests that the complaint be dismissed as to it.

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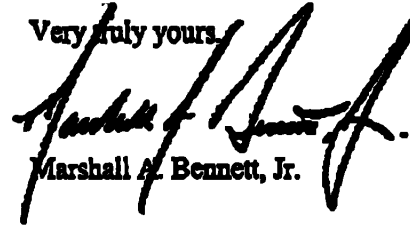
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Please feel free to contact me should you require further information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marshall A. Bennett, Jr.", written over the typed name.

Marshall A. Bennett, Jr.

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Exhibit A

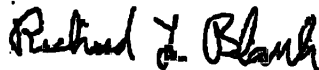
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Federal Election Commission September 14, 2010

This is a complaint by Richard L. Blank, 904 Pentecost Highway, Onsted, MI 49265
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This is to file a complaint first against Herrick Hospital, Tecumseh MI and secondarily the American Hospital Association, Toledo Ohio. I have received medical services (ie. blood draws for lab tests) from Herrick Hospital numerous times.

In April 2010 The A.H.A. ran several TV spots on channel 47, Lansing, MI. These adds congratulated a political candidate, Mark Schaner, on voting for a bill which at the time called for tax payer funded abortions. A photo of the congressman was shown. As he was running for election this was clearly a political endorsement contribution for the congressman and the bill. These adds stated that they were paid for by the A.H.A. These adds in part were paid for by myself against my wishes or foreknowledge by using part of my medicare payment (a program into which I paid over the years) to pay for Herrick Hospital's budgeted item membership in the A.H.A. Please take appropriate action against these missappropriation of funds. Thank you.



Richard L. Blank

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 14 day of September 2010



MARY ALICE KOZEMICHAK
 Notary Public, Lenawee Co., MI
 My Comm. Expires May 28, 2015

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