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Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

OFFICE OF GENERAL
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Dear Mr. Jordan

We are in receipt of your letter dated October 7, 2010, concerning MUR 6389, a complaint filed by Steve Schonberg, alleging that the Friends of Cliff Stearns campaign may have received contributions in excess of the federal contribution limits.


Schonberg alleges that Friends of Cliff Stearns received four contributions in 2010 totaling \$13,000 from Experian North America PAC. As evidence, his "Exhibit A" lists the contributions, dates, amounts, and FEC image numbers. The image numbers correspond to pages on Experian's March and April 2010 Monthly Reports, both original and amended reports for March and April. Schonberg is counting the original and amended reports as two separate contributions, when in fact there is only one.

On March 25, 2010 we received a contribution from Experian North America PAC, in the amount of \$5,000, designated for the Primary election, 2010. We also received a contribution from the Experian North America PAC on April 23, 2010 in the amount of \$1,500, designated for the General election, 2010. These two contributions, which total \$6,500, are clearly designated and do not violate the federal contribution limits.

Mr. Schonberg has deliberately attempted to portray that a violation of the law, when in fact he is fully aware that no violation occurred. This is not the first time he has filed a baseless complaint in a desperate attempt to get attention for his campaign. He continues to waste the taxpayer-funded resources of the federal government by filing frivolous complaints.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Balboni

Treasurer

Friends of Cliff Stearns

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Federal law requires that we report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer for each individual whose total contributions exceed \$200.00 in an election cycle. Federal Law does not allow corporate checks, and contributions are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Please make checks payable to Friends of Cliff Stearns.

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