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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Madore response to MUR 6448

To Whom It May Concern:

I received your letter dated February 10th stating that the Commission has received a complaint that indicates that I may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (the "Act"). I have reviewed the complaint which states that I contributed cash and in kind services to the Notolls PAC, which is correct. The Notolls PAC was formed to both educate local citizens concerning a local issue of a proposal to impose tolls on the only two bridges across the Columbia River between Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon, and to oppose the imposition of those tolls. Perhaps it is intuitively obvious but a vast majority of local residents use these two bridges on a regular basis as the only way they can travel for work, recreation, shopping or even just visiting with friends or relatives on the Oregon side of the Columbia River. The tolls, if imposed, would certainly have significant adverse effects on the citizens of Clark County, Washington, where I live and work and my support in the PAC was based on these concerns.

I certainly understand, and it is correct, that the Notolls PAC did put out a mailer, sent to local voters only, that advocated the support of twenty (20) candidates who had expressed opposition to the tolls or at least a concern over the issue. All of these candidates were running for local offices with the exception of Rossi and Herrera, who were running for federal offices. Likewise, the website recommended (18) candidates, all of which were candidates for local offices with the exception of Rossi and Herrera. The NoTolls PAC was not formed and was never intended as a forum to support candidates for federal offices and NoTolls was not aware that simply listing the two candidates for federal office on the mailer and the website would trigger compliance requirements with federal election laws. As soon as NoTolls recognized the problem, the website was amended removing the reference to the two federal candidates and the mailer was discontinued. Likewise, I personally had no idea that my support of the NoTolls PAC resulted in any violation of law let alone violation of any federal election campaign law.

Again, my interest in and my support for the NoTolls PAC was based on my belief that the proposed tolls would have a significant and seriously adverse impact on the citizens of Clark County, Washington, and I felt it was important to inform my fellow Clark County residents of the issue to include those candidates for office who had expressed opposition to the imposition of tolls or at least expressed serious concern over the issue.

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Please let me know if you would like any other information or if you have any questions concerning the incidents complained of.

Respectfully,


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