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Dear Commissioners:

Please find attached my 158 page sworn complaint against the Fox News Channel. The respondents are Fox News executives; Messrs. Murdoch, Ailes and Clemente. Because of the fast approaching date of Fox News' next debate on September 22, 2011 in Orlando, Florida, I do hereby request an expedited Federal Election Commission investigation of my complaint.

Fox News Channel, the lead sponsor of last week's Iowa Republican Presidential debate, released its "pre-established objective criteria" to participate in its debate to the Des Moines Register on July 23, 2011, approximately two weeks before the August 11th debate.

1. Registered with the Federal Elections Commission as a presidential exploratory committee or presidential campaign
2. Meet all U.S. Constitutional requirements
3. Garnered at least an average of one percent in five national polls based on most recent polling leading up to the registration day

On August 5, 2011, four days before its deadline, I met all Fox's criteria with the release of a Harris Interactive national poll showing me at 2 percent. I wrote to all of the debate sponsors that day to let them know I qualified.

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I was now in five recent national polls with an average of 1 percent. Fox News Channel then changed its criteria just to keep me out.

As my attorneys and I read the Federal Election Campaign Act, by excluding me in spite of my having met its criteria, Fox News Channel has made in-kind contributions to the eight candidates who participated in the August 11, 2011.

I am the first openly gay major party candidate to ever run for President of the United States. I have experienced many doors slammed in my face by individuals and outside political organizations during the past eighteen months, but this blatant affront by Fox News executives smacks of discrimination and I hope the Commission will investigate post-haste.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future. Thank you.

Best regards,

Fred Karger

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fred Karger', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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