



THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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Dear Mr. Hohl:

The Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), the regulatory agency that administers and enforces the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), has ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating that Express Freight of Florida, LLC, ("EFF") may have violated the Act. Specifically, it appears that EFF may have made contributions to Vern Buchanan's campaign for Congress in the name of Terry Keith Howell in the amount of \$1,800 in or about March 2008, and possibly other Contributions. See Title 2 of the U.S. Code ("U.S.C."), Section 441f.

The Commission's Office of the General Counsel is reviewing this information in connection with making a recommendation to the Commission as to whether there is reason to believe that EFF violated the Act, an initial determination necessary to initiate an investigation into whether a violation has, in fact, occurred. See 2 U.S.C. Section 437g(a)(2). Before the General Counsel makes such a recommendation, EFF may provide in writing any factual or legal materials that it believes are relevant to this matter. EFF's submission, if it chooses to make one, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter and submitted to the General Counsel's Office. Subsequently, the General Counsel's Office will present its recommendations to the Commission. Any response submitted by EFF will be taken into account in these recommendations. The Commission will then consider the recommendations and, if the Commission finds that there is reason to believe EFF violated the Act, initiate an enforcement matter regarding EFF's role in connection with Terry Keith Howell's campaign contributions to Vern Buchanan's campaign for Congress that were paid for with funds from EFF.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. Sections 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) unless EFF notifies the Commission in writing that it wishes the matter to be made public. If EFF intends to be represented by legal counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form with the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jack Gould or Michael Columbo, the attorneys handling this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. Information is also available on the Commission's web site at www.fca.gov.

Sincerely,

Thomasenia P. Duncan
General Counsel



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