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Jeff Jordan, J.D.

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Federal Election Commission

Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 6540

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We are in receipt of the letter you sent us dated March 27, 2012. The complaint filed against Michigan Faith and Freedom Coalition by Mr. DiSano is completely false and without merit.

No illegal coordination occurred between Michigan Faith & Freedom Coalition and the Santorum for President Committee before, during or after our February 17, 2012, Michigan Faith & Freedom pro-family forum in Shelby Township, Michigan.

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On behalf of Michigan Faith & Freedom Coalition, I invited all candidates on the ballot for the Michigan Republican Presidential Primary to address our membership and supporters before the public primary vote related to important public policy issues. We did this in October 2011 & again in February 2012. At both times, Mr. Santorum's staff confirmed his interest in speaking. Although we cancelled the October 2011 event, we did schedule the February 2012 voter education forum with Mr. Santorum. Since other candidates in October seemed reluctant to attend a forum with other candidates, we decided to invite the various candidates to different events across the state thereby having separate but equal opportunities for the candidates to address our organization's membership. No other candidate's staff or committee contacted us besides Mr. Santorum's committee with interest in participating.

At no time was I ever a staff member or a paid consultant to the Santorum committee. I was however a volunteer for his campaign. Illegal coordination between the Santorum committee and Michigan Faith & Freedom Coalition never existed. The same invitation that was sent to Mr. Santorum's committee was sent to all other presidential campaign committees.

In fact, before the November 2012 general election, the same communication will be sent to both the Democratic & Republican nominees to address our membership, perhaps at the same event or different events based upon the interest and availability of the candidates. Since Michigan Democrats did not have a Michigan public primary election for president, we will wait to include their nominee after their nominating convention to participate.

Our Michigan Faith & Freedom Coalition event on February 17, 2012, was not a campaign event or rally for Mr. Santorum as described by Mr. DiSano. Mr. Santorum was offered an opportunity to share with us his perspective on faith and values, as well as his ideas related to important public policy issues related to people of faith. Campaign literature, signs, stickers and other Santorum for President materials were not allowed on site for our event. His campaign did not have control of the agenda, meeting room or the event in any fashion.

Again, Mr. DiSano refers in his complaint to our event as a Santorum rally. Mr. Santorum was one of numerous speakers. We had two members of the clergy speak about faith-based ideals, concepts and issues, as well as a medical doctor who spoke on public policy issues related to health care options and access.

In closing, other candidates were afforded several opportunities to speak to a Michigan Faith & Freedom Coalition forum, based upon their schedule and availability. No other campaign accepted our repeated offers to attend other than Mr. Santorum's committee.

At no time was any coordination made between Mr. Santorum's committee and our organization. In fact, several invitations had already been sent inviting the various candidates to speak to our organization before I had decided which candidate to personally support.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by mail or by telephone at (248) 396-3826.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Clark", written in a cursive style.

Glenn Clark

President,

Michigan Faith & Freedom Coalition

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