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OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

May 21, 2012

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commissions
999 E. Street NW
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 6565

Dear Mr. Jordan,

This letter is in response to the complaint filed against Blaha For Congress on April 26, 2012. We feel no action should be taken against us in this matter. According to the complaint we are in violation of 11CFR 110.00(c)(3)(ii), 11CFR 110.00(c)(3)(ii)(A), CFR110.11(c)(3)(ii)(B), and 11CFR 110.00(c)(3)(ii)(B)(iii)(A)(B)(C). We will address each item.

1. 11CFR 110.11(c)(3)(ii): All commercials contain a statement that the advertisement was approved by Robert Blaha.
2. 11CFR 110.11(c)(3)(ii)(A): FEC rule states to follow either A or B. We have followed either Rule A or Rule B.
3. 11CFR 110.00(c)(3)(ii)(B): Please see explanation referenced above.
4. 11CFR 110.00(c)(3)(ii)(B)(iii)(A)(B)(C): All commercials meet either A or B. If B applies the statement has been included, it meets the 4 percent rule B(iii)(A), each statement is visible for at least 4 seconds B(iii)(B) and the statement has a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the text of the statement B(iii)(C).

In addition, Mr. Chacon, has stated that the "FEC law and rules state that in addition to the written 'paid for' disclaimer... television ads must include written 'authorization' line similar to what the candidate says." He has not taken this rule verbatim from the FEC Code of Federal Regulations. He states it must read something to the effect of "paid for by X committee...and approved by X person." There is nothing in the FEC Code of Federal Regulations that states this MUST happen. We can only find reference to this type of statement if the paid for and the authorized by do not coordinate with the committee and candidate.

It is our belief that we have made clear and evident efforts to make sure the general public is fully aware that Robert Blaha approved each advertisement and that Blaha for Congress paid for each advertisement. We also believe this is in spirit of abiding by the FEC Code of Federal Regulations.

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If the FEC feels something in our advertising should be adjusted or changed we will gladly make the recommended changes, however, we again feel that no action should be taken against us in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jerry R. Hilderbrand".

Jerry R. Hilderbrand
Treasurer
Blaha for Congress

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