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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463.

I, Maria Elena Farrell, complainant, am filing a complaint with your office regarding a possible violation of federal election campaign laws. I have enclosed a photo of one of the political signs that have no disclaimer notice. These signs say, "Stop the War on Coal, Fire Obama". The signs in question are located in Mercer County, western Pennsylvania on Route 62 in Jackson Township, Jackson Center, Stoneboro in the state of Pennsylvania and many other locations. I cannot identify the person, committee or group that is alleged to have committed a violation (called the respondent) because there is no disclaimer on the sign.

According to the Federal Election Commission, disclaimer notices must appear on any public communication by any person (or group) that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified federal candidate.

On printed materials, the disclaimer notice must appear within a printed box set apart from the other contents in the communication. The print must be of a sufficient type-size to be clearly readable by the recipient of the communication, and the print must have a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the printed statement.

On September 20, 2012, I sent a photo and email of the sign to the Federal Election Commission. I received a reply via email from Christopher Berg, FEC Communications Specialist saying that a disclaimer notice is required. Reference 11CFR 110.11(a) and 11CFR 110.11 (b)(3) and (c)(2)(1). I am filing this notarized complaint with your office and the FEC.

Sincerely, Maria Elena Farrell

Maria Elena Farrell

State of Pennsylvania County of Mercer

Jackson Center, PA 16133

1 Maria Elena Farrell, do swear (affirm), under penalty of perjury, this letter of complaint to the Federal Election Commission.

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Signature of person making complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of OCH (Sear) 20/2

Signature of Notary Public

Signature of Notary Public

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Attached: Photo of political sign

Name of Notary Public (print your name)

Notary Public, State of Pennsylvania

My commission expires: May 2

<u>Commonweal</u>th of Pennsylvania

NOTARIAL SEAL CITY OF HERMITAGE, MERCER COLINITY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 26, 2016 THis sign is all around the area and there is no disclaimer on it- It does not endorse a candidate but just says

"Stop the War on Coal Fire Obama" Does the disclaimer rule apply to this kind of a sign?



