

# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION COMPLAINT

In the Matter of Steve Stockman For Senate  
and the Center for the American Future Mailings

MUR # 6793

1. Texans for Stovall (TFS) brings this complaint before the Federal Election Commission (FEC) seeking immediate investigation and enforcement against Congressman Steve Stockman. the organization "Steve Stockman for Senate" (SSS), its former Campaign Treasurer, Jason Posey, and the organization known as "Center for the American Future."
2. Specifically, TFS believes that Congressman Steve Stockman in coordination with his organizations and associates did conspire to produce and did produce political advertising containing a) express advocacy b) no clear indication that it was paid political advertising and c) coordination between SSS and third parties.

## 4. COMPLAINANT

The complainant is Texans For Stovall and Candidate Dwayne Stovall, 113 CR 2213, Cleveland, Texas 77326.

## 5. RESPONDENT

The respondents are Congressman Steve Stockman P.O. Box 57135, Webster, TX 77598, Jason Posey, former Campaign Treasurer for Steve Stockman For Senate, the "Center for the American Future" and other as yet unknown entities working in coordination with Congressman Steve Stockman.

## 6. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Thursday, Feb 27, 2014, Texans for Stovall Campaign Manager, Brett Rogers, came into possession of a credit card transaction file sent to him by a journalist. The credit card transaction file was pulled from the Center for the American Future web site by simply going to a web address. The transactions on the file clearly state "Stockman for Senate 2014 Donation" and are dated from Feb 11 - Feb 12, 2014

The Center for the American Future first filed for incorporation on August 28,

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2013. Jason Posey is responsible for the organization and is listed in its articles of incorporation.

Per the Dallas Morning News, Stockman denied any involvement in sending out the group's fake newspapers "praising" Stockman and "slamming" Cornyn ("Group responsible for newspaper-like mailings has ties to Stockman" Feb. 24 <http://trailblazersblog.dallasnews.com/2014/02/group-responsible-for-newspaper-like-mailings-has-ties-to-stockman.html>).

The Houston Chronicle reported that Posey was fired as Stockman's campaign treasurer in October 2013 ("Stockman replaces treasurer of troubled House campaign" Jan. 16 <http://blog.chron.com/txpotomac/2014/01/stockman-replaces-treasurer-of-troubled-house-campaign>).

On Thursday, Feb 27, Lee Stranahan called Rogers and explained that he was told of a security hole in the WordPress site for Center for the American Future by a reader of Stranahan's blog in New Jersey. That hole allowed anyone who knew of it to see pages listed there by going to <http://centerfortheamericanfuture.com/wp-content>. On these pages were credit card transaction log files of donations to the Stockman for Senate 2014 campaign. Stranahan documented the security gap with screenshots and pulled at least one of the transaction log files. One of those was sent to Rogers.

Rogers took the data in the log file and verified the names and addresses of several of the contributors against the Voter Vault data available to Republican candidates. Rogers found verification between the records. The people listed were real people. (Financial transaction log file available upon request.)

Therefore, it is clear that the above mailing and use of a 501(c)(4) organization with direct ties to a political campaign to distribute campaign materials that advocate a candidate is a direct violation of multiple federal election laws and regulations.

Texans For Stovall and Candidate Dwayne Stovall therefore request that the Federal Election Commission conduct an investigation into these allegations,

declare the respondent to have violated the applicable federal election laws, and impose sanctions appropriate to those violations and take such further action as may be appropriate.

6. The FEC allows any person to file a complaint if he or she believes a violation of the federal election campaign laws or Commission regulations have been violated.

7. VERIFICATION

Texans For Stovall, acting through its Chairman Dwayne Stovall, hereby verifies that the statements made in this Complaint are, upon information and belief, true.

*Kathy Stovall*  
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Kathy Stovall

Treasurer, Texans for Stovall

On behalf of Dwayne Stovall, Republican Nomination US Senate

113 CR 2213

Cleveland, TX 77327

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO (or affirmed) before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

*Sandy Abke*  
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Signature of Notary

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Printed Name of Notary

