

March 30, 2016

Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
and Legal Administration
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20436

Re: MUR 7011

Dear Mr. Jordan:

HC4P recognizes that there was a technological issue for a short amount of time that resulted in response emails originating from info@feelbern.org which has since been corrected. When HC4P was formed, the website was created by the same internet consultant that designed feelbern.org. While the response email makes it appear that the donated funds were deposited with Feel the Bern, they were in fact deposited to HC4P. The error was in the email coding which was improperly copied from the consultant's earlier project; no funds were ever misapplied.

HFA then complains that HC4President is not a "Committee to Elect Hillary Clinton". However, HFA contradicts this claim when it acknowledges in the first paragraph that "HC4President registered with the Federal Elections Commission ("FEC") on January 16, 2016 as an unauthorized committee supporting Secretary Clinton. FEC committee ID: C00605204." Therefore, contrary to HFA's erroneous claim that HC4President is not a committee, they admit in the first paragraph that it is in fact a registered committee.

In the first paragraph, HFA claims that we are "fraudulently soliciting and collecting online contributions and falsely claiming it is authorized by Secretary Clinton or Hillary for America". However, HFA does not offer any evidence of this, and furthermore, they offer no evidence that HC4President claims to be an "authorized committee". In fact, as noted in the previous paragraph, HFA acknowledges that HC4President is an "unauthorized committee" registered as such with the FEC. At no place does HC4President claim to be an authorized committee, and in fact has the FEC required disclosures such as the footnote on all webpages that states the following: "Paid for by the hc4president Committee (www.hc4president.org) and not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. - hc4president.org © 2016 All Rights Reserved".

Donations made to HC4P have always been used to promote Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign as permitted. Several contractors made errors when the website was first created and launched, all errors have since been corrected. It is important to note that no funds donated to HC4P ever were mistakenly allocated to Bernie Sanders or any other organization; the mistake only affected the response email for a short amount of time.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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