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FEC Complaint Against Jim Mowrer for Congress

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This is a complaint regarding Jim Mowrer (Mowrer for Iowa, Democrat, Iowa CD 3) and his violation for using campaign funds for personal use when prohibited in relation to 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1(g).

Under FEC regulations, a federal candidate may receive a salary from his or her campaign committee only under the following conditions:

The salary must be paid by the principal campaign committee;

The salary must not exceed the lesser of the minimum annual salary for the federal office sought or what the candidate received as earned income in the previous year;

Individuals who elect to receive a salary from their campaign committees must provide income tax records and additional proof of earnings from relevant years upon request from the Commission;

Payments of salary from the committee must be made on a pro-rata basis (i.e., a candidate may not receive a whole year's salary if he or she is not a candidate for an entire twelve month period);

Incumbent federal officeholders may not receive a salary payment from campaign funds; and

The first payment of salary shall be made no sooner than the filing deadline for access to the primary election ballot in the state in which the candidate is running for office and such salary payments may continue only until the date when the candidate is no

longer considered a candidate for office or until the date of the general election or general election runoff.

Research has revealed that Mowrer's congressional candidate campaign committee paid him for "healthcare reimbursement" from October 18, 2013, to February 14, 2014. Additionally, the same campaign committee paid Mowrer for "Salary" on November 15, 2014, and December 5, 2014. During this period Mr. Mowrer has benefited from over \$10,000 in illegal payments as they fall prior to the filing deadline for access to the primary election ballot and after the general election, which are prohibitive times for a candidate to receive a salary.

The information stated above is cited from Mower For Iowa FEC filings and the Federal Election Campaign Laws compiled by the Federal Election Commission.

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