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February 21, 2017

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

RE: MUR 7137

Dear Mr. Jordan

The Laborers' International Union of North America Local #231, Pekin, Illinois 61554 received the abovereferenced complaint on February 7, 2017.

I have entered my appearance on behalf of Laborers' Local 231 and we plan to avail ourselves of the opportunity in writing to demonstrate that no action should be taken against the Laborers' Local 231 in this matter.

Due to other pending obligations, please accept my request for an additional fifteen days to respond to this complaint in order that we may fully investigate this matter and provide detailed documents and affidavits to explain the facts. One of the key affiants is hospitalized at this time, making the need for an extension more critical.

With your indulgence, I would like to request an extension through March 7, 2017 in order to have the opportunity to fully examine the facts and to fully provide the needed documents.

Please accept this request for an extended response date of March 7, 2017 and I will endeavor to provide Local 231's response at an earlier date if possible.

Very truly yours,

Ellen Schanzle-Haskins

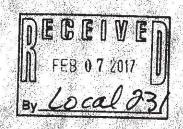
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Laborers' International Union of North America Local #231 P.O. Box 374 Pekin, IL 61555

RE: MUR 7137

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint that indicates Laborers' International Union of North America Local 231 ("Local 231") may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 7137. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Local 231 is referenced in an attachment to the complaint, indicating that the complainant may have been working under the jurisdiction of Local 231 when potentially improper political action committee contributions were deducted from his paycheck. The complaint was not sent to you earlier due to an administrative oversight. The Act affords you the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Local 231 in this matter. If you wish to file a response, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(b) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.

The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. Id. § 30107(a)(9)