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Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
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999 E. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Attn: Mary Beth deBeau, Paralegal

RE: MUR 7152

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Please allow this letter to serve as my response to your inquiry stamped October 20 which was received in my office on the 25th. As Mr. McAbee noted in his complaint dated October 13, 2016, my firm sent a check to Jenny Horne for Congress in the amount of \$2,000. I had the privilege of serving with Jenny briefly in the S.C. General Assembly. When I transmitted the check, I did not appreciate the fact that Federal Election Law prohibits contributions from corporations. Fortunately, Milinda Sullivan who served as Treasurer for Ms. Horne's congressional campaign recognized that our donation was inappropriate, and by letter dated January 11, 2016, issued a refund check (copy attached). If memory serves me correctly, I think this was the first time I had ever attempted to make a donation to a candidate seeking election to a federal position. As a lawyer, I certainly appreciate the fact that "ignorance is no excuse," but I do want to assure the Commission that this was simply an inadvertent mistake on my part.

Sincerely yours,



George M. Hearn
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Attachment



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January 11, 2016

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Dear Mr. Hearn:

Thank you for your generous support of Jenny Horne for Congress. However, we must return your donation in order to comply with campaign finance regulations since federal election law prohibits contributions to campaigns for federal office that are drawn on corporate accounts. Enclosed please find our refund check #1254 for \$2,000.00.

We are also enclosing a stamped, self-address envelope if you wish to send a new contribution check drawn on a personal bank account.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Milinda A. Sullivan".

Milinda A. Sullivan

Treasurer for Jenny Horne for Congress

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