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Via Electronic Mail

November 8, 2016

Federal Election Commission
 Office of Complaints Examination
 and Legal Administration
 Attn: Donna Rawls, Paralegal
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 Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Request for Extension - MUR 7153

Dear Ms. Rawls:

We write to you today regarding our client, *The Hill*, a Respondent in MUR 7153. *The Hill* received a copy of the complaint in this matter on October 28, 2016. We respectfully ask that you grant a fifteen (15) day extension of time in which to respond, making the response due on November 28, 2016.¹

Because our client is a media company, the complaint in this matter implicates significant First Amendment questions. It also raises questions under the Federal Election Campaign Act, Federal Election Commission regulations, and related statutes and rules. Finally, this complaint arrived shortly before Election Day 2016, a very busy time for both our client and our practice. In order that we may address these issues thoroughly and in full, we believe that this extension is warranted.

We thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions at (202) 662-5940 or rlenhard@cov.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RL", is written over a circular blue ink stamp.

Robert Lenhard

¹ The fifteenth day is a Saturday, November 26.