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RE: MUR 7153 – NBCUniversal Media, LLC

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We are submitting this letter on behalf of NBCUniversal Media, LLC ("NBC") and its broadcast and cable networks, including NBC, MSNBC and CNBC, in response to the complaint filed by Tony Dane. Given the vagueness of the complaint, it is difficult to determine what Mr. Dane is alleging. However, it appears that he is making the extraordinary claim that a press organization, such as NBC, MSNBC, and CNBC, and its reporters may not have any communication with the candidate or campaign they are covering.

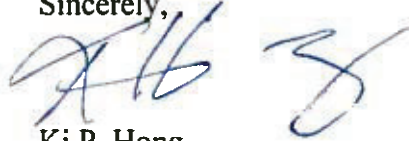
This flouts the notion of a free press in that a news organization cannot properly cover an election without the latitude to freely have such communications. It also ignores the media exemption set forth under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. 52 U.S.C. § 30101(9)(B)(i). Indeed, NBC and its affiliated news outlets are well-established media organizations and leaders in providing in-depth news coverage.

Mr. Dane also claims without any evidence that "CNBC's John Hardwood [sic] advises the Hillary for America campaign," and thus is a surrogate for the campaign. John Harwood is the Chief Washington Correspondent for CNBC and did not serve as an advisor to or a surrogate for the campaign.

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For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should not take any further action against NBC.

Sincerely,

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