



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MURs 7169, 7170, 7171, 7172, 7173,
7174, 7175, 7176, 7177, 7178, and 7179
Hillary for America and
Jose H. Villarreal, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Elias:

The Federal Election Commission received several complaints that indicate your clients, Hillary for America and Jose H. Villarreal, in his official capacity as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). Copies of the complaints are enclosed. We have numbered these matters MURs 7169, 7170, 7171, 7172, 7173, 7174, 7175, 7176, 7177, 7178, and 7179. Please refer to these numbers in all future correspondence.

The Act affords you the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against your clients, Hillary for America and Jose H. Villarreal, in his official capacity as treasurer, in these matters. 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 these matters. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Any 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.

These matters 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 matters 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.¹

Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaints until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its files in these matters. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

¹ 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).

