



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Treasurer
Ray C. Bliss Building Trust Fund
211 South 5th Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: MUR 7214

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint that indicates Ray C. Bliss Building Trust Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, 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 7214. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The complaint was not sent to you earlier due to administrative oversight. Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Ray C. Bliss Building Trust Fund and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials that you which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the Office of General Counsel, must be submitted 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. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please complete the enclosed form, and return it to the Commission. 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 complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to one of the following (note, if submitting via email this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

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).

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