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Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

San Marcos CA 92078 MUR # 7228

Re: Request for Further Investigation or Audit Regarding Duncan D. Hunter for Congress

Dear Sir/Madam:

As a constituent and voter in Southern California, I respectfully request that the Federal Election Commission commence an investigation into expenditures from Duncan D. Hunter for Congress ("Hunter Committee") the primary campaign committee of Representative Duncan D. Hunter -R-CA – to assure that they meet Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) and FEC regulations.

In April 2016, the FEC conducted a similar investigation into 66 disbursements to "Steam Games" occurring between 10/13/2015 and 12/16/2015. As a result of this investigation, there exist comments in each of these itemized charges in the FEC's Two Year Summary Report 2016 that read "Fraudulent Charge".¹

An additional group of charges that I find questionable and request further inquiry into are 3 disbursements to "Kalahari Resort" in Sandusky, Ohio for "travel" between 7/13/2016 and 7/20/2015 for a total of \$1.395.²

Mr. Hunter's highly irregular and liberal interpretation of FECA and FEC regulations have been widely recognized by the press (e.g. San Diego Union Tribune - most recently on 11/16/2016³, Los Angeles Times on 11/17/2016⁴, Salon Magazine on 11/4/2016⁵, ABC News on April 7, 2016⁶ and USA Today on 1/4/2017⁷ to name a few). Additionally, on April 28, 2016, Citizens

¹ See http://www.fec.gov/fecviewer/CandCmteTransaction.do.

² Duncan D. Hunter for Congress, FEC Form 3, Two Year Summary Report 2016, available at http://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/fecimg/?201604159012567441.

³ See http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/watchdog/sd-me-hunter-spending-20161116-story.htm.

⁴ See <u>http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-duncan-hunter-20161117-story.html</u>.

⁵ See http://www.salon.com/2016/11/04/rep-duncan-hunter-spent-49000-in-campaign-funds-on-video-games-adisneyland-trip-and-other-personal-expenses/.

⁶ Rep. Duncan Hunter Under Fire Over Spending, ABC 10News, April 7, 2016, available at https://www/youtube.com/watch?v=xnwjzaUhRpc.

See http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2017/01/04/duncan-hunter-campaign-fundsrabbit/96147014.

for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington formally requested that the FEC conduct a full audit of campaign disbursements over the last two years⁸.

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Borrowing from the summary statement made in CREW's request to the FEC for a full audit: "To ensure that the money raised for political campaigns in not misused, campaign finance law clearly forbids spending campaign funds on the personal expenses of a candidate or a candidate's family. The Hunter Committee already has admitted it did exactly that, making thousands of dollars in payments for expenditures unrelated to Rep. Hunter's campaign. A review of the committee's disclosure reports further indicates it may have made additional disbursements for personal expenses."⁹

I have drawn attention to one category of such disbursements in this letter. I hereby request that the FEC conduct further review of the Hunter Committee to assure that it is in compliance with the law. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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⁸ See <u>http://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.citizensforethics.org/wp-</u>

content/uploads/2016/07/20021535/Duncan%20Hunter%20FEC%20request%20for%20audit%204-28-16.pdf. ⁹ Id.

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