



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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RE: RR 15L-47R  
Utah Republican Party

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

The Federal Election Commission ("Commission") has ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating that your clients, Utah Republican Party and Abram Young, in his official capacity as treasurer ("Committee"), may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). The matter was originally referred by the Reports Analysis Division to the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution, but following unsuccessful negotiations it has now been transferred to the Commission's Office of General Counsel for possible enforcement action under 52 U.S.C. § 30109.<sup>1</sup> As you are aware, the Committee was referred for reporting errors including excessive, prohibited, and other impermissible contributions or transfers, mathematical discrepancies, failure to provide support schedules, failure to properly itemize contributions from individuals, Federal Election Activity/Levin Funds, and allocated federal and non-federal activity, in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30104. For further information, a copy of the referral document is enclosed. We have numbered this referral RR 15L-47R.

The Act affords you the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Utah Republican Party and Abram Young, in his official capacity as treasurer, in this matter. 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 this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Your 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.

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. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information

<sup>1</sup> Notification of this referral is being provided to you pursuant to the Commission's Agency Procedure for Notice to Respondents in Non-Complaint Generated Matters, as published in the Federal Register on August 4, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 38,617).

regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.<sup>2</sup>

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

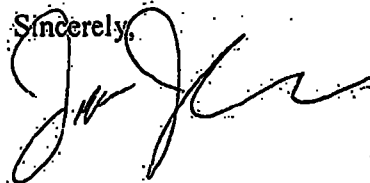
Please complete the attached Designation of Counsel form and return it to our office. Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to one of the following (note, if submitting via email, this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

**Mail**  
Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints Examination  
and Legal Administration  
Attn: Mary Beth deBeau, Paralegal  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20436

OR  
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mdebeau@fec.gov  
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If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth deBeau at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's preliminary procedures for processing possible violations discovered by the Commission.

Sincerely,



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Legal Administration

cc: Abram Young, Treasurer  
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<sup>2</sup> 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).