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September 1, 2017

Via Electronic Mail (CELA@fec.gov)

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
and Legal Administration
Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 7272

Dear Ms. Ross:

My firm recently was retained to represent Mercury, LLC (a/k/a Mercury Public Affairs, LLC and Mercury/Clark & Weinstock) ("Mercury"), as well as several individuals associated with Mercury: John V. ("Vin") Weber, Michael McSherry, and Dierdre Stach. Designation of counsel forms have been executed by Mr. McSherry and Ms. Stach (enclosed), and similar forms will be executed and forwarded to you as soon as logistics will allow. It is possible that my firm also will be representing Gregory Lankler and Edward Kutler, both of whom also have or had employment connections with Mercury.

Based on my review of the complaint and my conversations with the CEO of Mercury, the President of Mercury, a representative of Mr. Weber, Mr. McSherry, and Ms. Stach, it is apparent that more time will be needed to assemble a proper response to the complaint. It appears based on some of the receipt dates that a response would be due as soon as September 6 for some respondents.

I respectfully request that an extension of 30 days be granted for submitting the response on behalf of Mercury and the individual respondents my firm will be representing. This would move the due date to October 6, I believe. This would provide time needed to conduct factual and legal research and provide the Commission with a thorough presentation of the relevant evidence and analysis for resolution of this matter.

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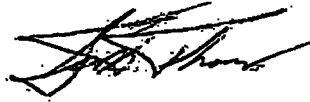
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Please advise me as soon as possible of your disposition of this request.

Very truly yours,



Scott E. Thomas

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL
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The above-named individual and/or firm is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

9/1/2017
Date
Michael McSherry
Respondent/Agent-Signature

Respondent
Title (Treasurer/Candidate/Owner)

RESPONDENT: Michael McSherry
(Committee Name, Company Name, or Individual Named in Notification Letter)

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