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Ms. Ruth Heilizer
Federal Election Commission
999 E St. NW
Washington, DC 20463

MUR # 7295

**RE: Request for Investigation Peru Federal Savings Bank
Campaign Contributions to Brian J. Towne**

Dear Ms. Heilizer:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 20, 2017 regarding my October 13, 2017 letter requesting an investigation of the above referenced matter.

I apologize that my letter and request of October 13, 2017 was not sworn to. Please accept this letter with notarized signature as my formal request for an investigation of Peru Federal Savings Bank and Brian J. Towne regarding contributions to Mr. Towne's election campaign by Peru Federal Savings Bank.

I am writing to request that the Federal Election Commission investigate Peru Federal Savings Bank, 1730 4th St., Peru, IL 61354 and the Committee to Elect Brian J. Towne for possible violation of 2 U.S.C. 437 or any other applicable Statute or Regulation.

Attorney Jonathan Brandt is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Peru Federal Savings Bank and he was a staunch supporter of his close personal friend Brian J. Towne who was the State's Attorney of LaSalle County until he lost re-election last November. Brandt made sizeable contributions to Towne's campaign individually and through his law office, Duncan and Brandt. In addition to the contributions that Brandt made to Towne's campaign, Peru Federal Savings Bank made sizeable contributions to Towne's campaign. In total Peru Federal Savings Bank contributed \$2,150.00 to Brian Towne's campaign fund. I believe that the only reason that Peru Federal Savings Bank made said contributions was because its Vice Chairman, Jonathan Brandt, requested the bank make said contributions. I have enclosed a printout from the Illinois Board of Elections website showing the contributions to Citizens for Towne State's Attorney by Peru Federal Savings Bank. You can go to the website elections.il.gov and in the search bar type "Towne" and then click on Brian J. Towne and hit "View Details." Then select "Contributions To Brian J. Towne" and all contributions are listed alphabetically. If you scroll through the contributions section you will see the campaign donations made to Citizens for Towne State's Attorney by Peru Federal Savings Bank.

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In speaking with the Comptroller of Commerce, I was advised that Federal or National Banks are prohibited from making campaign contributions and the candidates are prohibited from accepting said contributions.

I am asking that Federal Election Commission investigate this matter and the political campaign contributions made to Citizens for Towne State's Attorney by Peru Federal Savings Bank.

Of note, Brian J. Towne was recently indicted on 17 felony counts of official misconduct and misapplication of public funds.

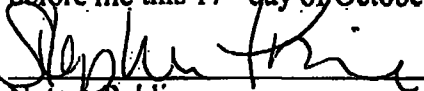
If you have any questions or need any assistance in the investigation of this matter, please let me know.

I, Julie L. Ajster, do hereby affirm that all of the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Very truly yours,


Julie L. Ajster

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO and
before me this 17th day of October, 2017.


Notary Public



Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street Peru, IL 61354	\$250.00 8/21/2007	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney
Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street Peru, IL 61354	\$200.00 7/5/2008	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney
Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street Peru, IL 61354	\$200.00 7/28/2009	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney
Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street Peru, IL 61354	\$400.00 7/12/2013	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney
Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street Peru, IL 61354	\$400.00 7/24/2014	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney
Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street Peru, IL 61354	\$150.00 6/4/2015	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney
Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street Peru, IL 61354	\$400.00 6/16/2015	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney
Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street Peru, IL 61354	\$400.00 6/8/2016	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney
Peru Federal Savings Bank 1730 Fourth Street	\$150.00 5/27/2016	Individual Contribution Citizens for Towne State's Attorney

