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

RE: MUR 7314

Dear Ms. Ross:

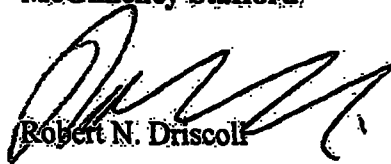
As reflected in the attached notice of counsel form, I am counsel for Maria Butina and Bridges, LLC in connection with the FEC investigation identified above. It appears the investigation was prompted by the submission of certain media reports by a partisan activist and thus my presumption is the FEC will quickly realize that there is no merit to the investigation with respect to Ms. Butina (a foreign national student) and Bridges, LLC (an inactive South Dakota LLC set up to pay for certain educational expenses of Ms. Butina).

To be clear, neither Ms. Butina, nor Bridges, LLC has made any political donations, nor donated any money to any party or third-person intended for political use or to influence U.S. elections. While Ms. Butina is a member of NRA, and the founder of a Russian group called "The Right to Bear Arms" (which supports gun rights in the Russian Federation) and had thus attended NRA meetings or events in the United States and Russia, she has never made any political donations, nor facilitated any political donations at any time.

If I can be of assistance do not hesitate to call me, but I look forward to a prompt resolution of the matter.

Sincerely,

McGlinchey Stafford



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