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April 27, 2018

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination and
Legal Administration
Attn: Donna Rawls, Paralegal
1050 First Street, NW
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Ms. Rawls,

RE: MUR 7326

On April 17, 2018 we received a letter from Mr. Jeff Jordan, Assistant General Counsel Complaints Examination & Legal Administration, attached, in regards to a potential violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 by Stokely Hospitality Enterprises.

The complaint was in regards to Burchett for Congress, the congressional campaign committee for Tim Burchett, for the TN 2nd Congressional District. The complaint alleges that the contribution listed and submitted to the FEC by Stokely Hospitality Enterprises on 12/5/17 of \$2,700 was in violation of federal law, stating that Stokely Hospitality Enterprises was a corporation.

In response to this complaint and the letter received from the Federal Election Commission, I am writing to clarify Stokely Hospitality Enterprises is a General Partnership. In addition, the backup included in the complaint cites Stokely Hospitality Properties, INC. as the Corporation, which is not the same entity as Stokely Hospitality Enterprises, a General Partnership, the entity which legally contributed the funds to Burchett for Congress.

Please contact me if additional information is needed by the Federal Election Commission to resolve the complaint.

Sincerely

Vice President/CFO

Stokely Hospitality Enterprises

250 Apple Valley Road Sevierville, TN. 37862 865-429-5700. Ext. 1122

Enclosures:

cc: Christal Dennis

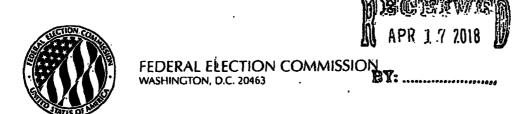












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Dear Madam/Sir:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Stokely Hospitality Enterprises may have violated sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 7326. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The complaint was not sent to you earlier due to administrative oversight. Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Stokely Hospitality Enterprises in this matter. If you wish to file a response, you may submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis 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 regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.¹

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notification and other communications form the Commission. Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the submission until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.S. § 1519.

Any correspondence sent to the Commission must be addressed to one of the following (note, if submitting via email, this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

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).

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If you have any questions, please contact Christal Dennis, the paralegal assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Jeff Jordan

Assistant General Counsel Complaints Examination & Legal Administration

cc: Stokely Hospitality Properties, Inc. 620 Campbell Station Road, Suite 27 Knoxville, TN 37934-1624