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1050 First Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Jordan,

Thank you for your letter of March 30 (addressed to my son and campaign treasurer Noah Robinson, PhD) alerting us to complaint MUR 7351 filed in your office.

After reading MUR 7351, enclosed with your letter, I have decided not to engage legal counsel in this matter. Please address all correspondence to me and/or Noah at the above address.

Although I am a scientist by profession, my sons and I decided that I should involve myself in politics in 2010 by running against Peter DeFazio for the office of U.S. Representative for District 4 Oregon. Since that time, I have been nominated (by primary election) by the Oregon Republican Party as their candidate for this position four times – in 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016. I am currently running a fifth time in the Oregon Republican 2018 primary. I have also served as Chairman of the Oregon State Republican Party.

Having learned the importance of delivering our political message to the 350,000 homes in Oregon District 4 and having made the messaging and all other decisions for our 2010, 2012, and then (partially completed) 2014 campaigns (we do not employ consultants to run our campaigns), I learned about Cambridge Analytica and was impressed by their advertised skills.

So, I hired Cambridge Analytica and paid them \$20,000 out of the approximately \$600,000 expended by our campaign in the 2014 race.

Our campaign staff includes my family, hundreds of Oregonians who work closely with us, and thousands of Oregonians who work loosely with us. It is my custom to speak of “our” efforts rather than “my” efforts with respect to my colleagues in science and other pursuits. On page 14 of MUR 7351, I am quoted as saying our efforts were “melded” with Cambridge Analytica. Our efforts were also melded with those in our sign campaign who distributed and installed 40,000 campaign signs. They were melded with numerous Oregon organizations with which we participated in hundreds of campaign events and programs. And, they were melded with many other political efforts. Our campaign was solely responsible for resource allocation and campaign

decisions, but we listened to advice from many individuals and organizations – including Cambridge Analytica.

All decisions concerning our political activities, management and otherwise, were made by our campaign, and I was ultimately responsible for them – we did not allow others to make ultimate management decisions. My sons and I work closely together in many activities, so I usually consult with some or all of them before decisions. All five of us have doctoral degrees in science, engineering, or medicine and are very close knit in our professional and public service activities. In our political campaigns they give advice, but I have been responsible for the final decisions.

Cambridge Analytica provided messaging information to our campaign and carried out various activities that I assigned to them. Their information and work were very helpful. Although we did not win the 2014 election, our payment of \$20,000 to Cambridge Analytica was well spent.

Regarding the use of Facebook data (which I assume from press reports is a key issue here), I was surprised to read on page 6 of MUR 7351 that Cambridge Analytica is alleged to have used 50 million Facebook records in the 2014 campaign, since I heard no mention of this at all during that campaign. Press reports now that the Obama Campaign used the entire Facebook records of essentially all Americans in 2012 are less surprising to me because there was extensive talk at the RNC in 2014 of efforts to catch up with the Obama messaging abilities, which were represented as being very far ahead of the RNC.

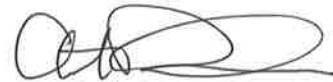
Regarding the nationalities of the Cambridge Analytica people with whom we worked in Oregon during the 2014 campaign, I have no specific knowledge of their personal citizenship.

Regarding Cambridge Analytica itself, I understood then that it is an American company derived from a British company with about 20 years of election experience. This is still my understanding.

Regarding the specific legalities described in MUR 7351, I am not a lawyer, and I did not ask a lawyer for advice concerning Cambridge Analytica. I understood that they were helping candidates in four states in 2014, and I assumed that there was nothing improper in this. Nothing I saw about the way they conducted themselves in 2014 would lead me to believe that they in any way violated the law.

Attached is my personal resume. Please let me know about any further information that you may require.

Respectfully yours,



Arthur B. Robinson, PhD

Attached: Robinson Resume.

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Graduated from Lamar

High School in Houston, Texas, 1959.

BS in chemistry, California Institute of Technology, 1963. President of freshman and sophomore classes at Caltech, Secretary of student body, and President of Dabney House. Undergraduate research under Jerome Vinograd and then employed by Linus Pauling to supervise Pauling's undergraduate research students. Undergraduate research published as Robinson, A. B., Manly, K. F., Anthony, M.P., Catchpool, J. F., and Pauling, L. *Science* **149**, pp 1255-1258 (1965).

PhD in chemistry, University of California at San Diego, 1968, under the direction of Martin D. Kamen, discoverer of Carbon 14. Carried out part of PhD work under R. Bruce Merrifield at Rockefeller University. PhD thesis on the synthesis and characterization of cytochrome-related molecules, original contributions to solid-phase peptide synthesis, and related experimental work.

Assistant Professor, University of California at San Diego, 1968-1972, beginning immediately upon completion of PhD. Taught freshman chemistry and graduate level course in physical chemistry. Directed undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students and technicians in research on the deamidation of peptides and proteins and also directed Linus Pauling's experimental research group in nutrition and preventive medicine.

Research Associate, Stanford University 1970-1972, directed undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate research on metabolic profiling (metabolomics). Also, carried out theoretical research with Linus Pauling on the structure of atomic nuclei.

President, Research Director, and co-founder of Linus Pauling Institute of Science and Medicine, 1973-1978. Directed graduate students, postgraduates, and technicians in experimental work on nutrition and preventive medicine and metabolic profiling.

President and Research Director of Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, 1980-present. Research emphasis is metabolic profiling, deamidation of peptides and proteins, and nutrition and preventive medicine. Deamidation research summarized in book, *Molecular Clocks: Deamidation of Asparaginyl and Glutaminyl Residues in Peptides and Proteins* by Noah E. Robinson and Arthur B. Robinson.

Extensive work on civilian nuclear weapons defense, 1985-1991, with Conrad Chester, director of civil defense research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Organized an 8,000 member civil defense advocacy group, built extensive educational nuclear defense equipment for FEMA, and published materials circulated by FEMA to emergency responders.

Writer and publisher of newsletter *Access to Energy*, a nuclear energy advocacy publication originated and written by Petr Beckman 1973 to 1993 and, after Petr Beckman's death, written by Art Robinson 1994 to present. *Access to Energy* also covers other scientific subjects of special public interest, including especially all forms of energy generation and climate and environmental issues.

Chairman of Oregon Republican Party, 2013-2014, and Republican candidate for U.S. Congress in Oregon District 4 in 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016.

Married to Laurelee Robinson, mother and research chemist, 1971-1988. Laurelee died in 1988, when their children were 12, 10, 8, 6, 6, and 1.5 years old. Art raised and homeschooled their family and did not re-marry. Art Robinson's children are:

Zachary Robinson, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University.

Noah Robinson, PhD Chemistry, California Institute of Technology.

Arynne Robinson, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University

Joshua Robinson, PhD Nuclear Engineering, Oregon State University

Bethany Jepsen, MS Nuclear Engineering, Oregon State University

Matthew Robinson, PhD Nuclear Engineering, Oregon State University

In addition to their professional work, the Robinson children market a K-12 educational curriculum now used for homeschooling and as a supplement to public schooling by approximately 60,000 students.

Art Robinson has published numerous research papers in scientific journals including the *Proceedings of the U. S. National Academy of Sciences*, *Science*, *Nature*, *Mechanisms of Aging and Development*, and other professional journals and three books, and has also written for news publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*. He is best known scientifically for his origination of and work in metabolic profiling and amide molecular clocks in peptides and proteins.

His political work is summarized in the book *Common Sense in 2012* by Art Robinson. He also directed the Petition Project concerning the hypothesis of human-caused global warming. Six exemplary personal recommendations published with *Common Sense in 2012* include:

“Dr. Robinson is one of the most gifted scientists I have ever met.” – **Martin Kamen** – Fermi Prize and Discoverer of Carbon 14.

“Dr. Robinson is known to me as a careful, competent, and well-informed scientist” – **Edward Teller** – Defense Scientist

“Arthur Robinson has the respect of a very significant portion of the scientific community.” – **Frederic Seitz** – Former President of the U. S. National Academy of Sciences

“I strongly endorse Art Robinson for election to the U.S. Congress. In the 15 years I have known Art, I have found him to be an outstanding scientist, a man of uncompromising integrity. Art’s depth of knowledge of the economic, scientific, energy, and industrial challenges that face our nation is unparalleled. Men of his ability are urgently needed in Washington.” – **Steve Forbes** – Publisher and Entrepreneur

“In my experience with space flight, I have come to know many men of excellence. Art Robinson is the best can-do guy I know. He’s what we need in Washington, and I think Oregon voters should elect Art Robinson. He’s a treasure.” – **Scott Carpenter** – Mercury Astronaut

Art Robinson’s philosophy is that the government is far too intrusive in our lives. He understands we have to stop the spending in Washington, the growth of the national debt, and allow the Constitution to function. I strongly recommend the 4th congressional district of Oregon put Art Robinson in the Congress of the United States”. – **Harrison Schmitt** – Apollo Astronaut and former U. S. Senator