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To whom this may concern,

In October of 2016 I was approached by Kyle Davies who at the time was a family friend. He told me that I should consider investing in his new business, being oblivious and wanting to be helpful I agreed to invest. He told me in order to become an investor he would need a one hundred dollar investment and my social security number. Without any question I did so. He told me this investment was like a stock and my money would grow. I was greatly misinformed.

Kyle then told me in order for my investment to be valid I needed to open a new bank account. I did so. Kyle then took over my bank account I had no access to it. My online banking password had been changed. I started to believe whatever he was doing with my account was not okay, and I told him I no longer wanted to invest in whatever my initial one hundred dollars was being used for. From December of 2016 to early June of 2017 I had no access to this account. I had to fight with him for months and months to let me close my account at Wells Fargo, he told me it would ruin my investment. He said his business partners who I had never met before, would not allow him to do so. In June of 2017, I regained access to the bank account and was able to close the Wells Fargo account. I put the whole banking circumstance in the back of my head and no longer thought or questioned it.

On February 2, 2018 I received a call from Washington, D.C. I spoke with Christal Dennis from the Federal Election Commission. Christal was calling in regards to missing paperwork from Progressive Priorities PAC. I had no idea what she was talking about. Christal then informed me that according the this website I was both the treasure and the designated individual of the companies records. I had also apparently been in charge of this PAC since December of 2016. She told me this PAC was based in Austin. I have never lived in Austin nor spend more than a few hours in that city. She told me it would be in my best interest to contact the individuals in charge of the PAC especially if I was not the actual treasure. I had no idea what to do but I knew exactly who might have signed me up.

After getting off of the phone I immediately called Kyle Davies because his business was based in Austin,Tx and I knew he was doing things without my consent to begin with. Kyle told me he was no longer apart of that business but, Progressive Priorities was ran by his former business partners. Kyle told me he worked for his cousin and he was just a recruiter but he had no idea what the business was really

for or what it did. He also informed me that apparently my one hundred dollar investment went to Progressive Priorities, I was NEVER TOLD THAT. He gave me the number to his former business partner Matthew Tunstall. I called Matthew multiple times, and never was able to get in contact with him. I then tried to get Kyle to help me again. He was no help. He swore he had no information, but he informed me that my bank account I had no access to was apparently linked to Progressive Priorities, again something I did not authorize or ever have explained to me. I asked him how I was even appointed treasure because I am not qualified to do so at all. Kyle then tried to convince me that I signed paperwork to be appointed which I NEVER did. (I did not even accept the position of senior class treasure in high school because I am terrible with finances)

Upset, frustrated, and getting absolutely no answers I decided to do some digging. I found paperwork online that had been filled to the FEC, that had my electronic signature on multiple pages. All of the paperwork I saw was documents I had never seen before or signed. It also was extremely odd that all of the paperwork was electronically signed under my maiden name *Sotelo*. I have been married since September of 2016. I have not gone by my maiden name since the day of my wedding. I despise my maiden name for personal reasons. So whoever was electronically signing for me must have not known that was no longer my last name. I also called the phone number listed for the PAC, the number has been disconnected. I went out of my way to call the property manager of the campaign headquarters listed online and I was informed that 3300 N Interstate 35 Suite 700 Austin, Tx 78722 was vacant. The property manager told me that the business fled from one day to the other. Very suspiciously.

I have not been able to get in contact with anyone associated with Progressive Priorities. Kyle Davies no longer answers my calls and Matthew Tunstall never even bothered to contact me. I do believe whatever those two men were doing was fraudulent. I have not been able to get my name removed as treasure, nor have I been explained why someone was electronically signing documents as me. I have no answers. I have filled a police report with the San Diego Police Department, my case number is 18004575. I have spoken with Officer Carbajal, he informed me that this is a form of identity theft. I have taken further steps to protect myself so something like this will hopefully never happen to me again. All I want is to not be associated with Progressive Priorities.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me via email at  
or call me at . Please keep me updated on the situation, I want to get this resolved as soon  
as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Pautin". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Michelle Pautin