

MUR # 7550

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Joshua Alan Abel 11/9/18

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Ana S. Givon 11/09/2018

This complaint was sworn to me on this date

General Delivery

Hagerstown, MD 21740

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Notary

My Commission Expires
February 1, 2020

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Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1050 First St., NE
Washington, DC 20463
Attn: Kristina Portner

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Joshua Alan Abel
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(Hagerstown, MD 21740)

Best way to contact:

Dear Ms. Portner:

Enclosed are the revisions along with copies of "proof of delivery" for my complaint. I will be moving soon if you have any questions please contact me

By phone or email.

Thank you,

Josh Abel

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Points and Authorities: 18 U.S.C. §§ 241 and 242; 52 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq.; 11 CFR 110.11 (a) Electioneering Communications; Buckley v. Valeo (1976)

Statement of Facts:

I (Joshua Alan Abel) have a complaint against Twitter conspiring against my right to make "Electioneering Communications" for a Federal Candidate, getting out the vote campaign, and trying to help raise money for a candidate running for elected office. I do hereby affirm that on or about February 17th, 2018, I'm not certain of the date, Twitter did the following to my twitter account (JoshAbel2). Twitter has denied me access to my account (they suspended the account) because according to them it was "suspicious" activity. I was posting campaign ads "to vote for" Conor Lamb (Dem. PA-18) for several months, in those posts I also posted Conor's donation webpage (trying to help Conor raise money). I also made the following statements in those ads "get out to vote" and "all votes matter". I also posted the donation webpages of Beto O'Rourke (Democratic Senate Candidate from Texas) and Randy Bryce (Democratic Candidate Wis. 1st) in some of those posts. Most of these "electioneering communications" were my own posts; however some were also made on other people's posts. I had previously done something similar in November with Doug Jones (Democratic Senator from Alabama). Most of the ads for Conor went like:

PA 18th Congressional

Get out to vote on March 13th and elect Conor Lamb

All votes and lives matter.

If you can donate to Conor, then I listed Conor's donation webpage.

Some of the posts had Conor's positions on certain issues, I also compared them to President's positions on certain issues (and Speaker Ryan's as well).

Twitter wanted to send me a code to my phone on their record, but that was an old number.

My "electioneering communications" were engaging in a "Federal Election Activity" by campaigning on the internet. By suspending my account Twitter has intimidated me in the "free exercise" of my right to make "political Communications".

Joshua Alan Abel 10/23/18

Joshua Alan Abel
General Delivery
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Robin McCauley 10/23/18

This complaint was sworn to me on this date



Robin McCauley 10/23/18

Notary

Date

October 6, 2018

Points and Authorities: 18 U.S.C. §§ 241 and 242 ; 52 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq ; 11 CFR 110.11(a). *Electioneering Communications*

Buckley v. Valeo (1976), express advocacy is the use of words such as *vote for, elect, or support* in political communications. Although political communications are entitled to First Amendment protection

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PA 16th Congressional

Get out to vote on March 13th and elect Conor Lamb

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Joshua Alan Abel 10/8/18

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Rosie McCarney 10/8/18

This complaint was sworn to me on this date

Rosie McCarney 10/8/18

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Notary

Date

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9/19/20*