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Via E Mail Only: cela@fec.gov Jeff S. Jordan, Assistant General Counsel Complaints Examination & Legal Administration Attn: Kathryn Ross 1050 First Street, NE Washington, DC 204

Re: MUR 7572

Response to Supplement to Complaint

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This response is provided to address the additional complainant issues regarding MUR 7572. The previous response remains valid and this letter supplements those facts.

The most recent submission by Mr Ryan regarding the Hawaii Republican Party (HRP) coordinated party expenditure for the Cavasso campaign shows his unwillingness to accept the party's use of that provision of the campaign finance law. In fact, the emails provided as "evidence" validate my previous submission that when Mr Blom of the Cavasso campaign made me aware of the regulation, I thoroughly researched that provision with the FEC prior to execution. In fact, the email shows that I even went a step further by contacting our HRP campaign finance compliance trainer, Pam Smith, for added validation before proceeding with the transaction. The funds donated to the HRP could have been used in any way we deemed appropriate and we chose to execute a coordinated party expenditure. If these funds were earmarked, the funds would have been transferred to the Cam Cavasso campaign.

I continue to believe that the complainant's allegations are unfounded and based on an inadequate understanding of FEC regulations and is consistent with his well-documented pattern of harassment for Hawaii Republican Party leadership, elected officials, and candidates.

Sincerely,

SHIRLENE DELACRUZ OSTROV

Chairman