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Via E-Mail Only: <u>cela@fec.qov</u> Jeff S Jordan Assistant General Counsel Complaints Examination & Legal Administration Federal Election Commission Attn: Kathryn Ross 1050 First Street, N E Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am responding to your letter dated May 7, 2019 regarding a complaint (MUR 7572) made by Eric Ryan.

I am not, and never have been, a consultant to the Hawaii Republican Party, nor am I a consultant for federal campaign law or rules. I am an expert in Hawaii Campaign Spending law and rules. I have never given a professional opinion on Federal law.

The private email between Chair Ostrov and myself that was obtained without permission by Eric was just that, a personal interaction between the chair and me. The Chair is aware that I am somewhat of a nerd when it comes to reading campaign law and she wanted my take on the rule she linked to in the email. From the information she had given me I thought she had the issue covered and said so.

My history with Eric Ryan goes back over ten years. He was fired from our Stop Rail Now campaign for inappropriate activities and I insisted he be taken off another campaign for questionable spending of campaign funds. I cooperated several years ago in an FBI investigation of Ryan. His motive may be to attack my personal integrity and character in retribution.

Sincerely,

Pam Smith