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**To:** [CELA](#)  
**Subject:** Re: MUR 7640 - FEC Complaint Notification  
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Dear Ms. Ross:

I am writing to see if Brent Tantillo reached out to you with a response to MUR 7640 yet?

If not, please accept this email as an informal response so that I do not miss the deadline to respond.

Mr. Backer's FEC complaint against me is the fulfillment of a threat to retaliate if I inquired about the possible financial misconduct of one of Mr. Backer's clients. The threat was specifically that they would bring the full weight of the FEC upon me if I didn't drop the matter. (The threat is documented in an email.)

Here is the background:

When I suspected a certain group of political attorneys and consultants were not properly reporting income generated from personal donor list, I brought it to the attention of an attorney. I was told that if I pressed the matter, they would bring the weight of the FEC against me.

A company called Allegiance was advertising the rental of my personal list of supporters, yet I had never heard of Allegiance, nor had I authorized them to use my personal list, name or likeness in any way. This alarmed me.

Therefore, I reached out to Allegiance to get an accounting of how they used my personal list, and my personal name in general. Their principles then put me in touch with Dan Backer, the attorney for Allegiance. Dan refused to turn over any information unless I obtained a court order.

Thus, in an effort to get to the bottom of this, I filed an action asking the Loudon County Court to compell Allegiance to turn over an accounting of how Allegiance used my personal list and brand.

I believe Dan Backer attached a copy of my complaint to his FEC complaint. If not, please let me know and I will supply a copy.

In the meantime, on or around the same day Dan Backer filed his retaliatory FEC complaint against me, my former campaign threatened extortion by stealing the codes to my personal domain name (ChristineODonnell.com) and holding them hostage unless I drop all claims against ALM.

Again, my former campaign manager threatened extortion around the same time Dan Backer followed through with the retaliation threat.

My former campaign manager stated in writing that he would only turn over the codes to ChristineODonnell.com (my personal domain name) if I withdrew the complaint against Dan

Backer's client.

To me, this is clearly extortion and retaliatory abuse of the regulatory system.

Again, these threats are well documented in emails and texts.

I have the written email in which I was first threatened specifically with a retaliatory FEC complaint if I did not drop my inquiry into potential misuse of my personal donor list.

Additionally, I have both emails and texts stating that the codes to ChristineODonnell.com will only be given to me if I turnover written proof that I dropped this matter, and that I release all parties from future liability.

Prior to my inquiry into the potential financial misconduct of Dan Backer's client, I owned ChristineODonnell.com. After trying to get to the bottom of what was going on, all of my domain names were taken hostage and they threatened to file an FEC complaint against me if I continued.

Therefore, the FEC complaint filed by Dan Backer is clearly the fulfillment of the threat of retaliation.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Christine O'Donnell