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RE: MUR 7642

Dear Ms. Ross,

While attending St. Mary's University, I ran for City Council for San Antonio, Texas. When fellow classmate found out that I was running for office, he offered to donate to my campaign. The student was from Saudi Arabia and was in the Saudi Arabian Air Force. To make sure I did not violate any ethic's code, I called the City Clerk's Office (as I was running for City office and in Texas, the City Clerk is usually the election official for the entity) to find out if it was a violation. The Clerk told me their code did not speak to it. I asked her to explain and she said there was nothing in the code that said that I could not accept the donation. Based on this information, I accepted the donation. I was unaware of the Federal Election Code prohibition or that it would apply to a local election. This was an innocent mistake.

Like all campaign donations, I listed it in my campaign contributions. I believe this is clear evidence that I was unaware of the prohibition and that I did not intend to conceal the contribution. I am willing to return the donation and will comply with whatever you decide I must do.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Brehm