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Union NJ 07083

MUR # 7664

October 9, 2019

Attn: Donna Rawls

Re: MUR7028

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Rupert Baptiste, am writing to the Federal Election Commission in regards to the Local 9 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union here in the state of New Jersey.

The union has been taking money from the paychecks of its members without their expressed consent and even against their requests not to, for the Benevolent, Target and PAC funds. Last year, the Union settled in court, however they have not been following the settlement agreement, in which they agreed to issue a letter informing members that they could request refunds for the Benevolent, Target and PAC funds. Anyone who has called to request a refund, gets yelled at and hung up on by the union business manager Mike Maloney. He is also strong arming and intimidating members into signing consent forms that allow the union to have these funds taken out of their paycheck and as of last year, anyone who wants to request a refund must now do so publicly at union meetings. They called this the "walk of shame" at the last business meeting in September, because it is used to deter members from standing up and asking for their money back. This is a violation of privacy put forth by both Federal and State laws. Requests for

refunds have always been done in writing a letter, registered, to the union. In addition to this privacy violation, Mr. Maloney also forces apprentices to miss days of work to go and campaign for politicians, unpaid, even if they do not support said politician. If they refuse to participate they are threatened with being removed as a member of the Union.

I would like to file a complaint again against Mike Maloney and the Local 9 union and if the FEC is not the place to do so, please can you direct me to the proper authorities with whom I can make these complaints to.

Fraternally,



Rupert Baptiste

I, Rupert Baptiste, under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information is true and complete.

