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RE: Probable Campaign Finance Violations by the Jeff Coleman for Congress Campaign

Jeff Coleman is a Republican candidate for the position of United States Congressman in Alabama's 2nd Congressional District. The primary election will be held on March 3, 2020. Coleman is the owner of a large moving company called Coleman Worldwide Moving and Coleman American Moving Services Inc which, according to his campaign commercials, owns hundreds of large trucks. Many of these trucks are 18-wheeler trucks.

Suspected Campaign Finance Violation #1:

Coleman's campaign advertises his candidacy by placing his picture, campaign logo and campaign messaging on trucks and/or 18-wheeler trailers and placing them throughout the district. These trucks and trailers serve as a type of billboard advertising for his campaign. Pictures of one of these trailers and the tag that appears on the back of that trailer are attached to this document. The pictures also include a close-up picture of the paid for disclaimer that appears on the trailers. There are several similar vehicles parked around the district. I have seen them while traveling to Dothan, Alabama.

It is my belief that these trucks are likely owned by a company and not owned personally by Coleman. A company is prohibited from donating to a congressional campaign. These trailers serve as a form of a company advertising for a congressional candidate which would be prohibited by federal campaign finance law.

Suspected Campaign Violation #2:

Jeff Coleman's campaign participated in several parades throughout the fall of 2019. Those parades included a box-style moving truck with the Coleman logo, Coleman's picture and Coleman's campaign messaging pictured on the truck. Coleman publicized these appearances publicly on his campaign Facebook page. Due to the fact that Coleman's commercials indicate the Coleman moving company owns many moving trucks, it is likely that these box-style moving trucks bearing the logo and picture are actually owned by the company and not owned personally by Mr. Coleman. This would be a violation of the federal campaign finance law.

Pictures of the box-style moving truck are attached to this document. The picture was obtained from the Coleman Campaign Facebook page.

Suspected Campaign Violation #3:

Jeff Coleman is airing campaign advertisements on Facebook and on television that feature a company, Coleman Worldwide Moving Company and Coleman American Moving Services. These commercials appear to not be as much commercials for the moving company as they are for the candidate. This would appear to be a

violation of federal campaign finance law. The commercials can be found on his campaign Facebook page which is located at www.facebook.com/JeffColemanAL/

I believe that these suspected violations should be investigated prior to the election to ensure that illegal campaign finance practices are not being utilized which could impact the outcome of an election for United States Congress in Alabama's 2nd Congressional District.

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Notary Information:

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

Alison Paige Johnson
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 08-03-2021

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Pictures of Suspected Violation #1





Picture of Suspected Violation #2

