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> RE: MUR 7715 MJ Hegar

Dear Counsel:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) received a complaint that indicates your client, MJ Hegar may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 7715. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The complaint was not sent to you earlier due to administrative oversight. Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taking against your client in this matter. However, no further response is necessary at this time in light of your response to the complaint already submitted.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.¹

Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).

Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to **one** of the following (note, if submitting via email this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

Mail

OR

<u>Email</u>

cela@fec.gov

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
& Legal Administration
Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal
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As indicated in the FEC's Notice found at https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/website_notice_regarding_status_of_FEC_operations_3-17-20.pdf, the office's mailroom is not processing correspondence at this time and, therefore, we strongly encourage you to file your response via email.

If you have any questions, please contact Christal Dennis at (202) 694-1519 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Jeff S. Jordan

Assistant General Counsel Complaints Examination &

Legal Administration