

Dear Kathryn Ross

This letter is regarding FEC complaint number MUR 7763

Thank you for the notification regarding Mr. Gary Kirkland's FEC filing accusations. No action should be taken against me, my campaign nor my campaign Treasurer.

This whole issue is a total political and personal attack on me, my family, and my campaign. Mr. Kirkland and the money behind him shared his false claims with a reporter who then wrote a totally false hit piece on me full of lies and Mr. Kirkland's opinions without any way for me to address their claims. It also appears they have spent money to do a full background check on me as well.

Mr. Kirkland has looked at every line item on my campaign FEC filing and twisted them into some bizarre money-making scheme that lives in his head ONLY. Even this FEC complaint is full of his opinions NOT facts. With that said these are serious claims that need to be address so I will endeavor to do so below.

- 1) Mr. Kirkland is right about a few things here. Per FEC rules I as a candidate am entitled to a salary no higher than my current income level during the campaign. He is also correct in stating that my campaign has not listed any salary up to this point. However now that the primary is over the campaign will start to pay me a candidate salary at the end of each month starting the end of July 2020.

Mr. Kirkland's claim that I have committed some level of federal tax evasion is also false because there is NO personal salary to file taxes on but there is business tax income that I will address in the following answers.

- 2) I do use my vehicle for multiple purposes. Up until the Covid-19 crisis I was a full time Uber and Lyft driver. During my campaigns I have spoken directly to over 8,000 people, over the past few years, about my campaign and have campaign signs on my car as I drive around town. I will admit there may be a little overlap here. I am running a grassroots, slightly unconventional campaign with limited resources but I have been very effective in my campaigning efforts reaching a lot of undecided voters which was very problematic for primary opponent.
 - a) During that time I had over \$5000 dollars in car repair expenses that I incurred so I had the campaign pay \$810.73 of those expenses.
 - b) Some of Mr. Kirkland's claims are very bizarre. I am not even sure what he is complaining about here. For example, stating that I lived one mile from the E470 Tollway. If the FEC thinks that these charges are not legitimate I will be happy to reimburse the campaign for them.
 - c) This is another bizarre claim and speculation by Mr. Kirkland. The campaign does shop at Wal-Mart because of their proximity and their supplies are normally cheaper than other stores. These items were all campaign related items.
- 3) I have had my company UBG Online LLC since 2002 and it is not a shell company as Mr. Kirkland claims. It also does not make a lot of money each year and most years it has made no income at all. However, I have listed my company on my tax filings every year and have not tried to hide

any money earned. We just e-filed our taxes for 2019 and it took all of 3 hours because we do not make a lot of money and we have no major assets to claim.

Also my company has done a lot of work for the campaign that includes but is not limited to Website Design, SEO Marketing, Campaign Literature design and Social Media Marketing. We have included a few invoices to show that work. I am happy to provide all the invoices if requested.

- 4) ALL political campaigns have communication expenditures so this is just Mr. Kirkland once again trying to muddy the waters hoping something will stick. I run my campaign out of my home and must maintain communications, websites, emails newsletters and phones from that location. So, I believe it is totally normal to have a few of those shared expenses listed.
- 5) More baseless claims here as well. Mr. Kirkland is very suspicious of everything I do. The fact is we had to physically move the campaign office and campaign equipment like computers, printers, yard signs and marketing materials to a new storage location in December.
- 6) Without knowing his motives here, I am not even sure how to address his concern. The campaign has ordered a few marketing materials, equipment, supplies and other purchases from Amazon and other online outlets and will most certainly make more before the campaign is over.
- 7) Mr. Kirkland has twisted and mis-interrupted my words here. As I states earlier, I was entitled to take a salary but the campaigns to date have NEVER been able to do so. My email and statements were wishful thinking on my part. I was trying to say that even if all the false claims he was making were true and added up they would still come to less than what the campaign could legitimately pay me. Now that we are in the general election, I will be taking a salary from the campaign.

Additional background complaints by Mr. Kirkland are interesting and irrelevant. Again, stirring up more mud that has nothing to do with the FEC. We are common working people and have not had an easy time making a living and have fallen on hard times more than once. We had been late on our rent and had to ultimately move out of our apartment. In 2007 I was in the mortgage business when everything collapsed. We lost everything and had to start over AND yes, we have also filed for bankruptcy more than once. We are currently on a Tax pay back schedule with the IRS and they appear to be happy with those arrangements. To my knowledge all these issues are personal, tragically sad, but not illegal.

Not sure what any of this has to do with the FEC but it does prove my point that Mr. Kirkland and the money behind him have personal reasons why they want me out of this race. As a grassroots candidate I am now fighting my opponent and the party elites who want me out of this race as well.

Mr. Kirkland has tried to paint a pretty damning picture of me and my family. Well I have a picture I would like to share as well.

Mr. Kirkland has accused me of being a con man, stating I am in this for the money. Well as you can see, I am not making much money and in fact I have lost nearly everything we own. If running in a race as an underdog is a crime than every candidate who has ever run as the weaker candidate in their races is guilty of the same thing.

Mr. Kirkland has been on a focused personal attack against me and my family for several months now. It all started because I was a strong competitor against his friend Steve House in CD6 and they had to find a way to take me out of that race. As the documents that Mr. Kirkland provided show, I had addressed these false charges and personal attacks back in February of this year to the satisfaction of my donors and volunteers alike. I have not tried to hide or avoid any questions.

Back in Feb 2020 I was summoned to the Law office of Randy B. Corporon where Mr. Kirkland produced public documents about my campaign and company and said that if I did not drop out of the CD6 race he could not guarantee the public information would not get out and ruin my reputation. I believe that by being in a law office he felt I would be intimidated. I told him I had done nothing wrong and I would not leave the race. I believe Mr. Kirkland did this in violation of regulation 1-45-115. Encouraging withdrawal from campaign prohibited.

Mr. Kirkland then called many of my donors and friends, intimidating them and tried to get them to stop supporting my campaign. He also tried to bully and smear me on social media as well. Every time he tried to attack me it backfired on him and now his is trying to get the FEC to do his bidding.

During this time, I was contacted by Republican Party leaders in CD7 who asked me to switch races and run there. Just a few weeks later, due to Covid-19, and other factors I decided to move to the CD7 race. I initiated and arranged a meeting with my former opponent Steve House who informed me of a potentially negative article coming out about me and now that I was moving to CD7 it would probably just go way, It did not.

The reality is my family and I have lost a great deal over the years running for office. Our home and financial resources have been drained. My wife and I both drive 2017 Nissans, we do not own a home, and we must work every day just to keep food on the table. During the Covid-19 crisis we have literally been weeks away from being homeless.

Again, I am deeply sorry that Mr. Kirkland has decided to file this FEC complaint, but I hope your office can see through the comments he is making and see them for what they truly are.

I believe Mr. Kirkland and the money behind him are trying to personal destroy me and my family and only God knows why. If I am in error as it pertains to the FEC filings I am happy and ready to comply and correct.

In your service



Charles (Casper) Stockham



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