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Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration
Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

Re:

MUR 7802

Dear Commissioners and FEC Staff:

Please be advised that I represent respondents "Nicole for New York", Treasurer Laura Schwartz and candidate Nicole Malliotakis in MUR 7802. We respectfully submit that the true respondent of interest in this MUR is "Nicole for New York". This MUR pertains to two television commercials paid for by respondent "Nicole for New York" and their compliance with 11 CFR Section 110.11.

Nicole for New York endeavored to comply with this section by including an express "statement that identifies the candidate and states that...she has approved communication" which was "accompanied by a clearly identifiable photographic or similar image of the candidate." In addition, the referenced advertisements included all the necessary written disclaimers to properly disclose the source of funding.

Upon receipt of the MUR, Nicole for New York elected to take a "belt and suspenders" approach to the disclosure requirements set forth in 11 CFR Section 110.11 by immediately adjusting the written disclaimer for the television advertisement subject to the complaint as demonstrated in the attached file. This adjustment is consistent with the advertisement's existing oral disclaimer and should fully address any concerns raised by the complainant.

By requiring candidates to personally endorse the content of the advertisement in their own voice, the oral "stand by your ad" requirement remains one of BCRA's most important and notable provisions. Moreover, this provision continues to receive notoriety with the media and the public due to its inherently informative nature.

While adding corresponding text to the existing written disclaimer is of de minimus value compared to the prominent oral statement over the candidate's image, we appreciate your correspondence so that we could address the complainant's concern and we will ensure that all future television advertisements remain in full conformity with 11 CFR Section 110.11.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey T. Buley





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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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