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VIA EMAIL DELIVERY TO: **cela@fec.gov**

Jeff S. Jordan
Assistant General Counsel
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Federal Election Commission

Re: Zoe Siegel/MUR 7893

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am counsel for Zoe Siegel, past Chief Strategy Officer for DMI. Ms. Siegel was hired in July 2017 immediately upon graduation from NYU and left on January 17, 2020 to work with Columbia Global Mental Health Program. Ms. Siegel is now a graduate student at the Mailman School of Public Health.

While employed with DMI as the Chief Strategy Officer, Ms. Siegel's duties were to perform administrative tasks for the organization, coordinate the grassroots outreach and advocacy, as well as create and maintain partnerships and answer to Board Members, as necessary. Ms. Siegel was never involved with fund raising for any candidate as part of her job duties. Ms. Siegel did have the pleasure of meeting certain candidates while working at DMI but there was no fund raising in her role.

Ms. Siegel knows of no "attorney misconduct" and was not, nor is, a trained lawyer. She was never involved nor asked to be involved in any "straw donations" as alleged in the Complaint. Upon review of the Complaint, there is *nothing* noted which indicates Ms. Siegel may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act.

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Referencing the Exhibits attached to the Complaint:

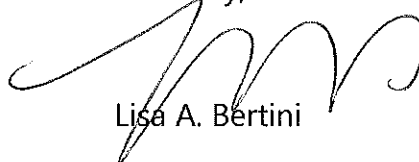
Exhibit I: Mr. Watchel was Ms. Siegel's boss. He forwarded her that email showing confirmation of a donation and inquiring if she would attend. Ms. Siegel did not attend due to another priority but helped fill the spots.

Exhibit K: Ms. Siegel was trying to find people to attend the Yang event. She thought of suggesting Board Members and confirmed with Eric Gioia his attendance. Ms. Siegel's sole task for this event was to make sure two people showed up since Mr. Wachtel, Mr. Mukamal and herself were unable to attend.

We are certain this demonstrates Ms. Siegel's non participation in any of the allegations propounded in the Complaint.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa A. Bertini', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the left.

Lisa A. Bertini

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