



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Stephen Cannon

Dallas, TX 75252

RE: RR 18L-32

Dear Mr. Cannon:

The Federal Election Commission (“Commission”), has ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating you may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”).¹ Information contained in the attached referral from the Reports Analysis Division is provided for your reference. We have numbered this referral RR 18L-32.

The Commission’s Office of the General Counsel is reviewing this information in connection with making a recommendation to the Commission as to whether there is reason to believe that you violated the Act, an initial determination necessary to initiate an investigation into whether a violation has, in fact, occurred. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). Before the General Counsel makes such a recommendation, you may provide in writing any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to this matter, including any related documents. Your submission, if you choose to make one, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter and addressed to the General Counsel’s Office. Subsequently, the General Counsel’s Office will present its recommendations to the Commission. Any response submitted by you will be taken into account in these recommendations. The Commission will then consider the recommendations and if the Commission finds that there is reason to believe you violated the Act, initiate an enforcement matter.

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.²

¹ Notification of this referral is being provided to you pursuant to the Commission’s Agency Procedure for Notice to Respondents in Non-Complaint Generated Matters, as published in the Federal Register on August 4, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 38,617).

² 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).

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If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission. Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the referral until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. *See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.*

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):

<u>Mail</u>	<i>OR</i>	<u>Email</u>
Federal Election Commission Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal 1050 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20463		CELA@fec.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Christal Dennis at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's preliminary procedures for processing possible violations discovered by the Commission.

Sincerely,



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Complaints Examination &
Legal Administration