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From: Charles Lutin
To: CFLA

Subject: Re: MUR 7966 FEC Notification (Lutin)
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RE: MUR 7966

Dear Mr. Keeys,

Thank you for speaking with me this morning about the complaint referenced above. As I indicated to you, I will be very forthright with the FEC because I haven't got anything to hide, although it is possible that this first time candidate messed up on the reporting that I produced for the year end report for 2021.

In particular, I have kept my campaign finance rigorously separate from my personal finance (I opened the campaign account at a new bank where I do no other business) and I have never spent any campaign monies on prohibited personal expenses such as housing, groceries, etc. There have been no excess contributions and no foreign contributions.

The individual who filed the complaint, Mr. Buoni, is a highly partisan individual who favors the incumbent Marjorie Taylor Greene and might even be employed by the campaign, and who tried to prevent my speaking before the Walker County GOP meeting held three days before he filed this complaint with the FEC. I would be happy to provide copies of the emails that Mr. Buoni prepared and sent out related to this meeting if you think it is pertinent. I would not be surprised to learn that he has sent out complaint letters about other candidates previously, and it all seems like part of an effort to harass and intimidate an opposing candidate. He certainly seems to know his way around the FEC.

Nevertheless, in reviewing my previous filing with the FEC, it seems that I was unable to capture and transmit all the necessary information through the FECfile program, so I am going to revisit the report and amend the year-end filing for 2021. You may anticipate that this will be done soon, certainly within 30 days. If I may offer an observation, if the FECfile program were the online portal for any private business, that business would not thrive very long. I am sure that you did not design the program, however.

Please be assured that I will be responsive and honest in resolving this complaint. Please acknowledge receipt of this email for my records.

Best regards,

Charles D Lutin