

From: [ogccela](#)
To:
Subject: Representative Matt Gaetz.
Date: Thursday, July 14, 2022 3:11:39 PM

Dear Mr. Dosev:

This is in response to your email to the Federal Election Commission (the “Commission”), received on July 6, 2022. The Commission is an independent regulatory agency charged with administering and enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”), and Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, United States Code.

The Act and Commission regulations require that a complaint meet certain requirements. Your email does not meet these requirements. Specifically, your submission does not contain an address for the complainant. In addition, your submission was not sworn to and notarized, as required under the Act. Consequently, the Commission can take no action at this time unless the allegations are refiled meeting the requirements for a properly filed complaint.

If you desire the Commission to look into the matters discussed in your email, please clearly describe the facts regarding each allegation and how they violate the Act. We have provided below a listing and description of the required prerequisites to file a legally sufficient complaint, along with some suggested items that should be included in your resubmission in order to assist the Commission in processing the matter.

- (1) A formal complaint should contain a clear and concise recitation of the facts describing the violation of a statute or law over which the Commission has jurisdiction. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (2) Its contents must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public and shall be notarized. (52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 111.4(b)(2)). The notary must indicate as part of the jurat that such swearing occurred. The preferred form is “Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ___ day of ___, 2021.”
- (3) A formal complaint should be accompanied by supporting documentation if known and available to the person making the complaint. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (4) A complaint must be in writing. (52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1)).
- (5) A formal complaint must contain the full name and address of the person making the complaint. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (6) A formal complaint should clearly identify as a respondent each person or entity who is alleged to have committed a violation. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (7) A formal complaint should identify the source of information upon which the complaint is based. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).

Please note that this matter will remain confidential for a 15 day period to allow you to correct the defects in your complaint. If the complaint is corrected and refiled within the 15 day period, the respondents will be so informed and provided a copy of the corrected complaint. The respondents will then have an additional 15 days to respond to the complaint on the merits. If the complaint is not corrected, the file will be closed and no additional notification will be provided to the respondents.

For further information on filing a complaint, please visit our website at <https://www.fec.gov/legal-resources/enforcement/complaints-process/>.

Sincerely,

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