To the Federal Election Commission,

MUR # 8133

I would like to make the FEC aware of 2 possible violations committed by Candidate Mario Fratto, FEC ID: C00800045.

First, candidate Fratto failed to disclose recent campaign related spending on his April Quarterly report (**FILING FEC-1696267**). According to META Ad Library, Fratto has repeatedly paid for digital advertisements on his campaign Facebook page, "Mario Fratto for Congress," yet did not disclose any of these campaign related expenditures. From 1/7/23-1/15/23, 1/10/23-1/17/23, 1/19/23-1/27/23, 1/25/23-2/2/23, 2/19/23-2/26/23, 3/11/23-3/12/23, 3/12/23-3/19/23 and 3/21/23-3/28/23, Fratto paid for advertisements on Facebook including ads promoting his future candidacy and negative posts regarding the incumbent member of Congress. In fact, Fratto's **FILING FEC-1696267** included no digital advertisement expenditures.

The following META ads did not appear on Fratto's April Quarterly report:

META Ad IDs	5
1369711990547512	
3398406703754237	
586317440212178	
134456139315539	
559090512949642	
6014989135228163	
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Second, Candidate Fratto appears to have advertised on known satire "news" website the Buffalo Chronicle. Right before the 2022 primary election, the Buffalo Chronicle posted a vicious, false and defamatory article about Fratto's opponent. Fratto was an advertiser on this website and directly on the article itself. In an attempt to hide his connection to this disgusting campaign tactic, I believe Fratto intentionally did not disclose this expenditure on his financial disclosure report. According to Fratto's FEC, he has never paid for an ad with the Buffalo Chronicle nor has he received an in-kind contribution from the website. The ad linked to Fratto's campaign website.

FEC can see the article was deleted at URL: <u>https://buffalochronicle.com/2022/08/16/claudia-tenney-performed-oral-sex-on-capitol-hill-police-officer-former-intern-alleges/</u>

The article and website link is viewable with internet archive at URL: <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20220817005718/https://buffalochronicle.com/2022/08/16/claudia-tenney-performed-oral-sex-on-capitol-hill-police-officer-former-intern-alleges/</u>

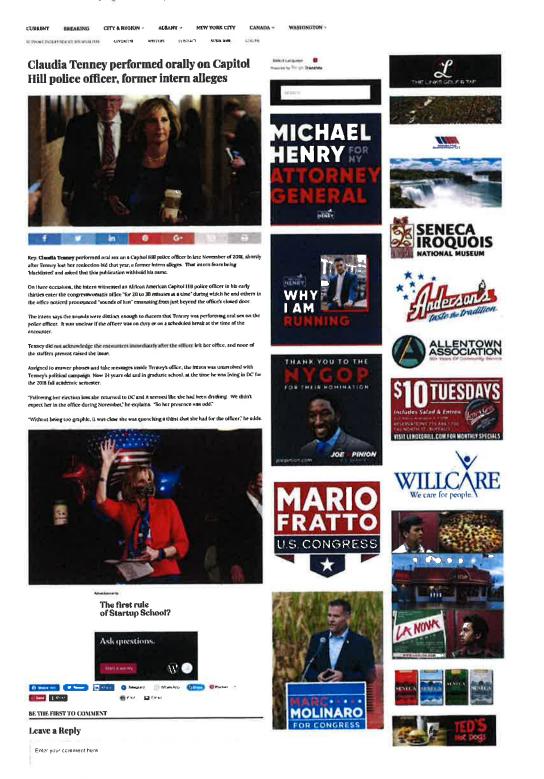
Here is the article screenshotted prior to the article being deleted due to its slanderous nature :





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Thank you for your attention to this matter, STEPHEN A. BARNHOORN . NY 14471 й. ,

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