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Re: NRSC v. Keith Gross, et al., MUR No. 8185

Dear Ms. Heuser,

I am writing in response to your letter dated February 29, 2024. First, I wish to extend my gratitude to Mr. Gross for his service in the military and in the State Attorney's office. While anticipating FEC enforcement against Mr. Gross for his various campaign finance violations, I will address some of the concerns raised regarding the disclosure of his residential address.

Primarily, I would remind Mr. Gross that Fla. Stat. § 119.071(4)(d)3 only prevents disclosure of exempted residential addresses when the covered individual "submits a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency." This duty to affirmatively opt-out of residential disclosure applies to records filed by both Mr. Gross and his husband and includes building permits among other public records.

Moreover, the dissemination of this information is not a crime under Florida law as you allege. The Florida Statutes cited are applicable only to public record custodians. All records relating to Mr. Gross were obtained lawfully, and prohibitions on publication do not govern either the NRSC or FEC.

In an effort to reach an amicable resolution to this matter, the NRSC will no longer list Mr. Gross's personal residence on forthcoming FEC complaints. Please disclose the preferred address for personal service to Mr. Gross on complaints related to his ongoing campaign finance violations at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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