February 14, 2019

Federal Election Commission Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Examination Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal 1050 First Street NE Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 7559

I am in receipt of the notice of the complaint you have received regarding a mailing we performed prior to the November, 2018 election.

The mailing was performed for Mrs. Melanie VanderFeer, Precinct 3 Committeeman, Kootenai County, Idaho. Malanie's statement is attached.

We printed and mailed 144 copies of the attached mailer. (2018 General Mailer Back and Address Side) at a cost of \$83.81 (Receipt attached).

My understanding then, and now, is that Melanie was doing this mailing to help another Precinct Committeemen who could not "work" their precincts. Melanie was asked to distribute campaign packets to Precinct 2 homes. When it became apparent that Melanie would not be able to distribute the campaign packages to everyone in the precinct prior to the election, Melanie asked us to do a mailer to the 144 Precinct 2 addresses in conjunction with a 462 address mailer (in other precincts) we already had planned for Melanie.

I admit that we produced and mailed a document that did not specify exactly who funded it. I also can assure you that this will never happen again. However, the idea that this 144 address mailer was somehow fraudulent, misleading or intentionally anonymous is ludicrous. The person who is filing this complaint is the same person who asked Melanie to help pass out their campaign packets. These campaign packets contained literature for the same candidates advocated in Melanie's mailer!

Please also find an attached statement from Tim Kastning.

Sincerely,

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Mike Cook, Owner Upscale Mail 2600A East Seltice Way Post Falls, ID 83854

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RE: MUR 7559 Melanie Vander Feer Response

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is concerning a complaint that was filed against me by Deborah Rose, you have numbered the matter MUR 7559.

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, 16 days before the November 6, 2018 election, I received a phone call from Tim Kastning who was with Deborah Rose helping her out with her precinct. Deborah got sick to her stomach and couldn't finish the precinct so Tim asked her if she wanted us to finish her precinct, she said yes. Tim called me while with Deborah and asked if I would finish her precinct.

I said yes.

My intention was to hand out all the packets but I had my own precinct to finish first. The election was getting closer and I was concerned that I was going to run out of time to get them out into her precinct so I decided to do a ballot at the last minute which had to go in the mail the very next day. The ballot had the same candidates on it as were in the packets that she was handing out. Because of her illness and short time frame a few things were mistakenly overlooked.

The money I spent on this flier and mailer was filed with the federal elections office in December 2018.

Thank you,

Melanie Vander Feer

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RE: MUR 7559 Tim Kastning Response

To Whom it May Concern,

At the time the mailer in question was sent out, I was the Legislative District 2 Chairman. Prior to the election I spent a part of an afternoon with Debora Rose and help her deliver some campaign material to her precinct. I believe we were able to get out about 35-45 packets of material. Debora was riding as a passenger, and after a period of time she began feeling ill with motion sickness- so we stopped and I took her back to her home. It was agreed upon that I would find someone to finish delivering the packets in her precinct.

The packets were given to Melanie Vander Feer for her to find someone to finish distributing the packets. It is my understanding that time was getting short and the packets had not been delivered, so Melanie made a decision to do a mailer at her expense. Some of these mailers went to the precinct that Deborah is Chair of (precinct 2).

Concerning the character and intent of Melanie. Melanie Vander Feer is one of the kindest and most dedicated persons I know serving in the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee. Melanie received an award this year for her dedication and service to the Central Committee. Her intent in doing this mailer was not to violate any campaign laws, any violation was simply an overlook of what is required. Melanie has said that she is ready and willing to make any corrections to resolve any violations- if there are any.

Deborah Rose on the other hand is set on causing disturbance in the Central Committee as indicated through this effort to cause stress and hardship to Melanie, and through other antics she had done in our Central Committee. This is my opinion as well as others on the Central Committee.

This is the extent of my understanding of the situation concerning Melanie sending out a campaign mailer.

Tim Kastning

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Legislative District 4 State Senator: Mary Souza

State Rep., Position A: Jim Addis

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