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To Whom It May Concern

In my initial letter of complaint, I stated that I believed the Iowa Christian Alliance (ICA) may have received a financial contribution from a Romney source in exchange for the use of the ICA office, office equipment and membership database. A source recently told me the financial contribution was \$100,000 or four quarterly payments of \$25,000 each.

The source that told me about the financial contribution also mentioned an email from Steve Scheffler to a Mitt Romney operative. The source told me that Gentry Collins is witness to this email and he knows the Romney operative in communication with Steve Scheffler. In a phone conversation with Mr. Collins, he stated the email is "damaging to Scheffler". Mr. Collins worked for Mitt Romney during the Iowa Caucuses and is currently working for John McCain. Contact information for Mr. Collins is as follows: Ankeny, IA 50021

On Saturday, July 12, 2008 the Iowa Republican Party held their state convention. During the convention, the state delegation elected Steve Scheffler as their National Committeeman. It is my understanding that Mr. Scheffler intends to continue as President of the ICA. My concern is that Mr. Scheffler will use the power and influence as National Committeeman as a tool to fund the ICA.

For your consideration, I have attached an article from the Des Moines Register dated January 28, 2008, "Electronic complaint filed against Christian group". I believe this article demonstrates that Mr. Scheffler continues to alter his public statement regarding Marlene Elwell's purpose for using the ICA office, office equipment and membership database.

In a meeting on June 24, 2008 with Peggy Hermann (ICA Board Member), Barb Taylor (ICA Board Member) and Tamara Scott (Iowa Director of Concerned Women for America), Mrs. Hermann admitted that Marlene Elwell had called her in December from an ICA extension to convince her to vote for Mitt Romney in the Iowa Caucuses. Mrs. Hermann responded, "As a Christian, I cannot vote for a Mormon."

Contact information for Peggy Hermann: Clive, IA 50325
Contact information for Barb Taylor: Waukee, IA 50263
Contact information for Tamara Scott: _____

Thank you for your consideration
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Subscribed and Sworn
to before me on this 15
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Elections complaint filed against Christian group

By **THOMAS BEAUMONT**
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An Iowa Republican activist has filed a complaint with the Federal Elections Commission accusing the Iowa Christian Alliance of trying to influence the campaign for Iowa's Republican presidential caucuses

Stacey Cargill of West Des Moines accused Iowa Christian Alliance President Steve Scheffler of allowing a supporter of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney to use the alliance's office and membership database in December. She claimed the activity was aimed at influencing social conservatives to back Romney over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Scheffler said the group was neutral during the campaign but that he allowed Marlene Elwell, a Michigan social conservative who supported Romney, to use the alliance's office for about two days. Scheffler said he also referred Elwell, who was in Iowa promoting the visit of a well-known anti-abortion lawyer on behalf of Romney, to roughly 25 Iowa social conservatives.

Scheffler said he would have granted an operative from any campaign access to the office, had another asked.

Cargill said in the letter that Scheffler violated federal rules governing the alliance's tax-exempt status by allowing Elwell to use Iowa Christian Alliance resources.

"Her accusation and/or innuendo that she thinks this happened is totally unfounded," Scheffler said. "Never did I or the ICA endorse a candidate, nor will we."

The elections commission acknowledged receiving the letter Monday and that it would consider the complaint.

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