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Re MUR#5918

Dear Sir

On behalf of the Delaware State Republican Committee, Committee Chairman, Terry Strine, and Dave Burris, I write this response to the Complaint dated May 25, 2007, MUR #5918 by Francis X Raskauskas. As will be made clear by this letter, Mr Raskauskas' complaint is premised on a misunderstanding of the fundraising event he challenges.

On Friday, June 1, 2007, the Delaware State Republican Committee held a fundraiser to raise funds for itself. Governor Mitt Romney was the special guest at the fundraiser. The cost to attend the event was \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. All funds went to the federal account of the State Republican Committee and, as I say, this was a fundraiser for the Delaware Republican Party.

In reviewing the letter "complaint" filed by Mr Raskauskas, it appears that he is under the misimpression that the Delaware Republican Party was conducting a fundraiser for Governor Romney's presidential campaign. This misunderstanding is evident in each of the five "issues" he raises.

Taking his five issues in reverse order, and starting with issue 5, Mr Raskauskas suggests that there should have been a separate escrow account or that otherwise there would be a "co-mingling of Party and Campaign funds." However, because this was a fundraiser for the State Party, there was no co-mingling with any campaign funds. The fundraiser was wholly unrelated to Governor Romney's presidential campaign and raised no funds for that campaign.

Similarly, in "issue" 4, when Mr Raskauskas complains that the email invitation and printed invitations say "RSVP" to Republican State Committee of Delaware," that instruction is

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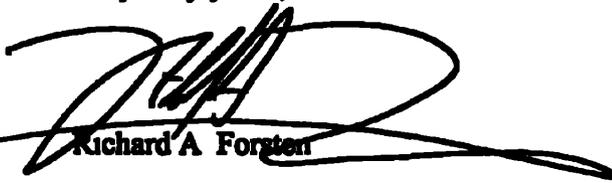
correct because the event is being hosted by and for the benefit of the Republican State Committee of Delaware

Likewise, there is no in kind contribution to the Romney campaign as suggested by issue 3 of the letter, nor is it improper for the State Committee to have sent out invitations and emails about its own event (contrary to the suggestion of paragraph 2 of the letter) Finally, as to issue 1, the letter suggests that proper notifications and/or disclosures were not included However, the flyers and emails all disclosed that the event was paid for by the Republican State Committee of Delaware

At its heart, the complaint from Mr Raskauskas is premised on the erroneous notion that this event was a fundraiser for Governor Romney's presidential campaign It was not Accordingly, Mr Raskauskas' complaint is without merit and we request that it be dismissed

Should you have any other questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me

Very truly yours,



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