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TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

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Texas Ethics Commission
BEFORE THE

IN THE MATTER OF

BRUCE C. TOUGH,

RESPONDENT

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TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

SC-270451

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ASSURANCE
OF
VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

I. Recitals

The Texas Ethics Commission received sworn complaint SC-270451 on April 19, 2007. Sworn Complaint SC-270451 meets the technical form requirements for a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission. The commission's executive director has determined that the sworn complaint includes allegations that are within the commission's jurisdiction. To resolve and settle this complaint without further proceedings, the commission proposes this resolution to the respondent.

II. Allegations

The complaint also alleges that the respondent failed to file semiannual campaign finance reports in violation of section 254.063 of the Election Code.

The evidence submitted with the complaint indicates possible violations of section 254.063 of the Election Code.

III. Confidentiality

This ASSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE is confidential pursuant to section 571.140 of the Government Code.

IV. Representations and Agreement by Respondent

By signing this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and returning it to the commission:

1. The respondent acknowledges the allegations relating to semiannual reports filed by candidates under section 254.063 of the Election Code and consents to this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance solely for the purpose of resolving and settling this sworn complaint.

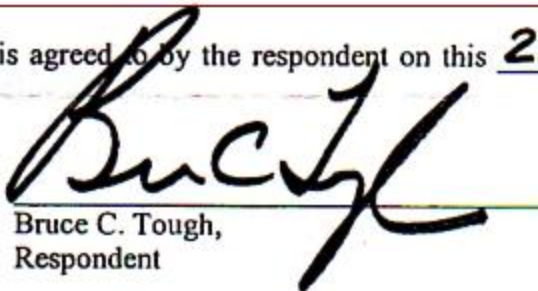
2. The respondent consents to this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance before any adversarial evidentiary hearings or argument before the commission, and before any formal adjudication of law or fact by the commission. The respondent waives any right to a hearing before the commission or an administrative law judge, and further waives any right to a post-hearing procedure established or provided by law. The commission and respondent agree that the entry of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance will be a full and complete resolution of sworn complaint SC-270451.
3. The respondent also acknowledges that a candidate shall file two reports for each year. The first report shall be filed not later than July 15. The report covers the period beginning January 1, the day the candidate's campaign treasurer appointment is filed, or the first day after the period covered by the last report required to be filed under this subchapter, as applicable, and continuing through June 30. The second report shall be filed not later than January 15. The report covers the period beginning July 1, the day the candidate's campaign treasurer appointment is filed, or the first day after the period covered by the last report required to be filed under this subchapter, as applicable, and continuing through December 31.

The respondent agrees to fully comply with these requirements of the law, and to cease and desist any activity that violates these requirements of the law. The respondent also agrees to file all outstanding reports related to this complaint. This agreement is null and void if the respondent fails to file all outstanding reports, or cease and desist the activity that violates the above requirements of the law.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, the respondent understands and agrees that the commission will consider the respondent to have violated the legal requirement described under Paragraph 3 of this section if it is necessary to consider a sanction to be assessed in any future sworn complaint proceedings against the respondent.

5. The commission assesses a \$100 civil penalty with regard to this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance.

6. This Assurance of Voluntary Compliance is agreed to by the respondent on this 25 day of September, 2007.


 Bruce C. Tough,
 Respondent

EXECUTED ORIGINAL received by the commission on: September 26, 2007
 Texas Ethics Commission

By: 
 David A. Reisman, Executive Director