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July 30, 2009

Ms. Linda Eissler
29 Coralvine Court
The Woodlands, Texas 77380-3912

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7007 1490 0004 9890 5823,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Re: Notice of Complaint, SC-2907186

Dear Ms. Eissler:

We received sworn complaint SC-2907186 on July 23, 2009. The complaint meets the technical form requirements for a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission, and the executive director has determined that the Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over the violations of law alleged in the sworn complaint. The complaint alleges that, as the campaign treasurer for Montgomery County Republican Women PAC, you: 1) failed to properly report political contributions and political expenditures in violation of section 254.031 of the Election Code, 2) improperly reported political expenditures as reimbursements in violation of section 254.031 of the Election Code and section 20.62 of the Ethics Commission Rules, 3) failed to timely file the eight-day pre-election report for the November 2008 general election in violation of section 254.154(c) of the Election Code, and 4) accepted political contributions from corporations or labor organizations in violation of sections 253.003 and 253.094 of the Election Code.

The complaint also includes an allegation that you failed to file the 30-day pre-election report for the March 2008 primary election. Please note that section 254.154 of the Election Code requires that the committee's campaign treasurer file required reports. Because you were not the campaign treasurer for the committee at the time that report, if required, was due, that allegation will not be considered by the Ethics Commission.

With this notice, I have included a copy of the sworn complaint, the Ethics Commission's sworn complaint rules, a Statement of Respondent's Rights, and a copy of the relevant statutes of the Election Code. More information about the complaint process is available on the Ethics Commission's website at www.ethics.state.tx.us.

If you have any information relevant to the complaint, please provide it at this time. Your response must be in writing and under oath. We have enclosed an affidavit form that you may wish to use for your response. Your response must include any challenge you seek to raise to the Ethics

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Commission's jurisdiction. In addition, in your response you may acknowledge the occurrence or commission of the violation, or deny the allegations and provide evidence supporting that denial.

The sworn complaint allegations will be processed as Category Two violations. You are required to respond to an allegation of a Category Two violation not later than 25 business days from the date you receive this notice. **Failure to respond will constitute a separate violation for which a separate civil penalty may be assessed.**

The law requires the commission to send this sworn complaint notice by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Future notices and correspondence will be sent by regular mail, unless the commission is notified otherwise.

Please note that at this stage in the process, Ethics Commission members and staff are required by law to keep the complaint and all documents relating to it strictly confidential. However, other persons, including the complainant and respondent named in the complaint, are not bound by this confidentiality requirement.


Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Brad Johnson
Assistant General Counsel

Jurisdiction accepted
For the Texas Ethics Commission



David A. Reisman
Executive Director

BJ:mc

Enclosures: Copy of Sworn Complaint
Statutes and Rules Concerning Sworn Complaints
Statement of Respondent's Rights
Affidavit

c: Mr. Joe Merrill
123 E. Misty Breeze Circle
The Woodlands, Texas 77381-3067

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