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August 24, 2009

Mr. Claude W. Hunter
2 Townsend Place
The Woodlands, Texas 77382-1055

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7007 1490 0004 9890 6578,**
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**Re: Notice of Complaint, SC-2908197**

Dear Mr. Hunter:

We received sworn complaint SC-2908197 on August 19, 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 you failed to disclose on your campaign finance reports information required by section 254.031 of the Election Code, and that you improperly disclosed political expenditures as reimbursements in violation of section 254.031(a)(3) of the Election Code and section 20.62 of the Ethics Commission Rules.

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 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 One violations. You are required to respond to an allegation of a Category One violation not later than 10 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.

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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,

Ginger M. Hunter
Assistant General Counsel

Jurisdiction accepted
For the Texas Ethics Commission

David A. Reisman
Executive Director

GMH:mc

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

c: Mr. Jim Doyle
16728 Bending Oaks
Conroe, Texas 77385-3600

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