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RE: MUR 6608

Dear Mr. Jordan,

I ran for U.S. Congress in Western North Carolina in the Republican Primary with no support from the party. In fact, the party was against me in all ways. My campaign was 90% self funded with my wife and me borrowing on our house. I was the small business owner who stepped up and tried. My wife and I even committed to give back my congressional salary to charities of Western North Carolina. I came in 2nd in a field of 8; making the runoff. I came in 2nd again in the runoff and have discontinued my efforts. The office is closed; staff is on 2 weeks' severance, and the committee: Families and Friends for Vance will be closed once my final FEC report is filed.

This was my 2nd try at this. I came in 2nd in 2010. (Really getting tired of coming in 2nd.) During the 2010 campaign we were told we didn't need to have the disclaimer on the road signs and didn't. We received no complaints, and noted others didn't use the disclaimer.

The lack of a disclaimer this time was totally unintentional. All signs have been removed and destroyed. Should I ever decide to run again, or note that someone else is making a run, I will be sure to put the disclaimer on the signs as specified by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I am currently focused on working to get my house back.

Sincerely,



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