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July 30, 2004

Christine C. Gallagher, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 5453

Dear Attorney Gallagher:

I am in receipt of a letter dated July 22, 2004 from Chairman Bradley A. Smith. I have attached documentation that explains the reason for the \$24,000 going back to the Giordano for U.S. Senate campaign in 2000.

On or about May 1st, 2000, I took a paid position to work for the campaign. I was supposed to receive no less than \$50,000 for working May to December of 2000. I quit the campaign on or about September 15th, 2000. I paid back the amount in question, two checks \$1,800 and \$22,200 (see copies attached), for salary that was paid to me. Since I quit in September, I had to return some of the salary paid to date. We negotiated the additional \$1,800 (thus two checks), and I agreed to pay it also. Like most campaigns, I wanted to be paid in full early on, because money is very tight in the last few weeks of a campaign and I have 3 kids, so basically I needed to get paid.

The salary checks that I received and found a reference for are listed below. There were more salary checks than listed, but I don't have the records for those. These were all written to me from the Patriot Bank, 900 Bedford St., Stamford, CT 06901. Giordano for U.S. Senate, Michael Blumenthal Treas. Thomas Ariola Treas. account tracking

1. Check #107 \$5000
2. Check #112 \$1100
3. Check #113 \$600
4. Check #115 \$3000
5. Check# 124 \$2500
6. Check# 125 \$2500
7. Check# 136 \$2300

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I have also attached a letter signed by the Philip A. Giordano, Giordano for U.S. Senate candidate. The signature of the letter and me reimbursing the campaign was witnessed by James Paolino (campaign manager) and Laina D. (candidate secretary) workers on the campaign at that time. I also have attached the copies of those checks for your files.

I hope I have clarified the misunderstanding. If I am able to clarify anything else, please don't hesitate to call or my office at 203-755-1100 x121. Thank you.

Sincerely,

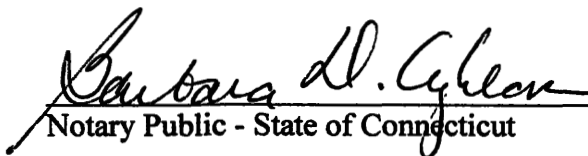


Timothy A. Longino

Dated: July 30th, 2004

Personally appeared the above-named Timothy Longino and made that the foregoing statements made by him are true based upon his own personal knowledge.

Before me,

 My commission expires 1/31/2006
Notary Public - State of Connecticut