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RE: MUR 6023
The Loeffler Group, LLP

Dear Mr. Engle:

The Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") has been made aware of the July 31, 2008 Motions to Sever, Dismiss, and Keep Response Under Seal ("the Motions") filed on behalf of your client, the Loeffler Group, LLP. The complaint filed in this matter satisfies the Commission's statutory and regulatory requirements. The complaint was signed, sworn, and identifies the complainant and the sources of his information. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 111.4(b)(2), (c), and (d)(2). There is no prohibition against relying on press reports to support allegations in a complaint. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, requires only that the complaint itself not be anonymous, and Commission regulations require the complaint to state the source of information giving rise to the allegations. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 111.4(d)(2). The Commission will have the opportunity to weigh the information reported in the press against other available information when it considers the merits of the complaint. Likewise, the Commission will consider whether severance is appropriate at that time. Therefore, unless you indicate otherwise, this Office will accept the Motions as part of your response to the complaint in this matter and will proceed accordingly.

This Office will contact you if further information is necessary to resolve this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ana J. Peña-Wallace".

Ana J. Peña-Wallace
Attorney

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