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**SENSITIVE**

**From - Barry Baron  
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MUR # 6165

**Subject - Complaint concerning a 2008 US Congressional Campaign**

**Complaint - Pursuant to the requirements for filing the Quarter FEC Financial Summary Report for Candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives I wish to bring to the attention of the General Council / Commission that a Campaign;**

**PATRIOTS FOR CRIMMINS (53<sup>rd</sup> CA congressional district)  
# C00441410**

**Candidate: Michael P. Crimmins  
FEC Filing address: 8130 LA MESA BLVD #202 - LA MESA, CA 91941-6437  
Treasurer: William R. Baber**

**has failed to properly file numerous times, a complete financial report as prescribed by FEC guidelines and requirements.**

#### **Background**

**I am a political consultant, specializing in political campaign media for nearly 40 years. I have had few problems with campaigns and transacting business until now. I have provided services as a media consultant in many capacities to this campaign stated above. Because of the timing of payments to me, (made periodically as the campaign gained financial momentum), I have consistently maintained an outstanding balance for my services since the campaign's inception. While double checking the FEC website public disclosure filings I noticed the filing form for this campaign had a missing line of data that has not been filled out by the campaign ever since the first filing reports began. I trust and believe that this observation is valid because I have taken the time to compared it to numerous other congressional filings for reference in similar situations.**

**I understand that the form Under Part "III" Cash Summary a "Debts Owed To" line that has never been addressed by the campaign. I am a contractor and am familiar with most procedures in basic campaign finance. I would expect to see this line to carry the balance (quarterly filing) of any outstanding debt at some time during the campaign: (below is a computer screen shot of most recent filing - see last entry).**

**(screen shot taken 12-22-08)**

#### **III. CASH SUMMARY**

<b>Ending Cash On Hand</b>	<b>\$2,542</b>
<b>Net Contributions</b>	<b>\$24,041</b>
<b>Net Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$21,699</b>
<b>Debts Owed By</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Debts Owed To</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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This campaign, to the best of my knowledge, has paid all other outstanding contractor debts. Also, based on the FEC financial report, the campaign has a positive cash balance on hand.

### My reason for concern

Recently, the campaign candidate has been attempting to settle the debt outside the normally prescribed procedure of using campaign funds and in a manner that appears not within strict guidelines of FEC campaign financial practice. The manner used to attempt to settle the balance is disconcerting and appears to be possibly illegal as well. His attempt was made by utilizing email internet communications.

I have, by the way, rejected this offer to settle, totally.

I do not, at this time, believe the campaign treasurer has knowledge of this specific final offer to settle, however I do know the treasurer was fully aware of my initial and a subsequent invoice billing details and information. Even though I have confidence in the abilities of the treasurer, I believe that the treasurer still has the fiduciary responsibility to insure all books are properly kept up to date and are accurate.

I will not be party to financially settling a debt that is outside of a strict financial requirements & payment guidelines. I have included a summary of my invoicing information and respective payments made to me (by the campaign) broken down (taken from the entry reference in the FEC Financial summary form) so that you may see the time overlap in billing and payments. The campaign began with this debt for my services and continues to presently owe an outstanding balance as of date in this letter.

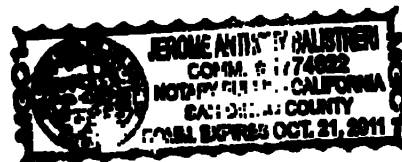
I trust you understand that I wish to see that rules are properly followed in all cases, and especially in a U.S. Congressional campaign. I realize people bend rules and tend to look the other way in many cases. As I mentioned, I have been working in politics for over 40 years, but I will reiterate that I will not be party to this segment of a campaign that appears to be mismanaged or negligent in it's duties to provide an accurate accounting of it's proceedings. We are toying with the lives of U.S. citizens if we don't own up to our responsibilities in this important election proceeding. It is a privilege to run and serve for this demanding public office; this is why I feel all efforts to succeed in doing so has the full force of honesty and integrity behind it.


I feel this is an important issue that should be brought before the Commission.

Respectfully,  
  
Barry Baron

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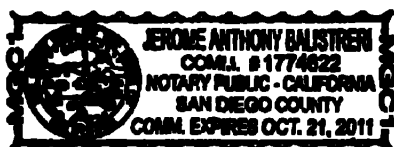
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Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2009 by  
Barry Baron  
personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who  
appeared before me.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

Document Date Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 2009

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☒ Placed under Oath ☒ Placed under Affirmation ☐ Document Signed before the Notary

**TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION**

- ☒ Personal Knowledge of the Notary Public  
☐ Satisfactory Evidence - Identification card  
☒ One Credible Witness acknowledging identity of principal  
☐ Two Credible Witnesses acknowledging identity of principal

