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December 13, 2018

RE: COMPLAINT against RON DESANTIS FOR GOVERNOR, 610 South Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33604
PH (813) 254-3369

Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

VIOLATION OF 52 USC 30121 FOR ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FOREIGN NATIONALS
AND FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS

1. RON DESANTIS FOR GOVERNOR accepted contributions from foreign national^s and foreign organizations during the 2018 election. Candidate and campaign officers knew, or reasonably should have known, that some DESANTIS 'social media influencers' were foreign and that some messaging content was foreign. The DESANTIS CAMPAIGN candidate and officers knew, or should have known, foreign contributions are prohibited by 52 USC 30121.
2. A representative of a Romanian company, using the name **@MihaiBasarab** messaged candidate RON DESANTIS and campaign manager BRADLEY C. HEROLD on Twitter to their respective campaign accounts on December 12, 2017 (attached and below):

@MihaiBasarab

12 Dec 2017

Replying to @GovRonDeSantis @repdesantis

Rs need to play the same game. We're loaded with preeminent IT guys in Romania ready willing and able if called upon

3. RON DESANTIS FOR GOVERNOR appears to have accepted **@MihaiBasarab's** offer of foreign assistance. Campaign manager BRADLEY C. HEROLD maintained a direct connection to at least one foreign entity, "BlueInsight" **#@blueinsight33**, whose Twitter account states location as Romania. (attached copy of **@repdesantis** and **@blueinsight33** account) BLUEINSIGHT is the name of a "Software Services and Outsourcing" firm in Romania. (from website blueinsight.ro)--

BLUEINSIGHT, 14 Padurea Dumrava Street/Sibiu, Romania/PH (0040) 740-283-511
Email: contact@blueinsight.ro

4. **@MihaiBasarab**, as an individual, and in coordination with others, contributed messaging, content (links and graphics), social media monitoring and influencing services to the RON DESANTIS FOR GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN from January through December 2018.

- On January 11, 2018 **@MihaiBasarab** began messaging anti-Gillum content.(attached)
- Similar profiles, appearing Romanian or non-American, also tweeted anti-Gillum and anti-George Soros content September 1-October 23. (attached)
- **@MihaiBasarab** trolled Andrew Gillum's account on October 20 and 24.(attached)
- **@MihaiBasarab** posts run mostly negative against Gillum; urges voting for DESANTIS on November 5, and congratulated DESANTIS on November 15. (attached)

5. Campaign manager BRADLEY C. HEROLD received a \$990,319.99 payment from FRIENDS OF RON DESANTIS PAC on 7/24/2018, to his firm PARABELLUM STRATEGIES, 1412 E. Ridgewood St., Orlando, FL 32803 (Source: Florida Division of Elections Campaign Finance Database). (attached) The payment preceeded increased messaging by foreign, Romanian and other potential BLUEINSIGHT accounts from late October thru the November 6, 2018 election.

6. Foreign content, similar to **@MihaiBasarab** was distributed by inauthentic profiles, often posing as American and Florida voters. The first #BLEXIT reference by a pro-DeSantis/anti-Gillum personality appears to be on August 30, 2018 (attached; text below). (since deleted).

Proud Trumplican

@kewlbeanz88


Aug 30

Replying to **@pocono_mtn** **@AndrewGillum** and 2 others
just another whiny #UsefulPuppet on the #Soros bankroll
#BLEXIT

#BLEXIT, similar to UK #Brexite, appears artificially introduced to the Florida race. Similarly, anti-Soros propaganda has its roots in Romania and right-wing groups of eastern and central Europe (Tamkin, "Who's Afraid of George Soros", *Foreign Policy*, October 10, 2017).

RON DESANTIS FOR GOVERNOR knew, or reasonably should have known, that BLUEINSIGHT contributed the work of its firm and foreign nationals to the campaign in violation of 52 USC 30121.

Submitted under penalty of perjury,


Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn on the date of: December 13, 2018

Signature of Notary Public:





Attachments

1. @MihaiBasaran message to DESANTIS campaign accounts December 12, 2017/
@MihaiBasaran Twitter account
2. HEROLD's DESANTIS campaign account @repdesantis follower @blueinsight33
3. @blueinsight33 account following @repdesantis
4. BlueInsight webpage
5. Romanian and foreign profiles, September 1-October 26, 2018
6. @MihaiBasarab trolls Andrew Gillum October 20, 24, 2018/@MihaiBasarab mentions
of DESANTIS November 5, 6 and 15, 2018
7. DESANTIS payments to HEROLD's firms, PARABELLUM STRATEGIES, LLC and
SOMETHING ELSE STRATEGIES, LLC July 20--August 21, 2018
8. Impersonation of U.S. official account for endorsement in election, September 7;
Inauthentic anti-Gillum, anti-Soros content September 13, October 30 and November 6,
2018.

DEC 12 2017 <https://twitter.com/GovRonDeSantis/status/940780738160611334>



Ron DeSantis @GovRonDeSantis 12 Dec 2017

Disaster. What a difference between the pathetic handling of Hillary Clinton's case and the scorched earth approach to Trump. Need f

Shannon Bream @ShannonBream

Strzok/Page texts obtained by Fox's @JakeBGibson - POTUS called a "loathsome human being" "an idiot" "awful"

DEC 12 2017 <https://twitter.com/MihaiBasarab/status/940806818846203906>



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab 12 Dec 2017

Replying to [@GovRonDeSantis](#) [@repdesantis](#)

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Joined October 2016 <https://twitter.com/MihaiBasarab>



Tweets
62.4K

Following
2,502

Followers
2,634

Follow

User actions

#LiveFreeOrDie

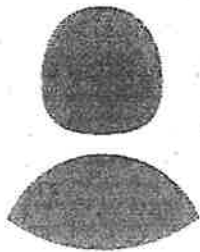
@MihaiBasarab

If my enemies knew me better, they would hate me even more; If my friends knew me better, they would like me even more. ~ Bed of Procrustes 🇷🇴🇺🇸

Romania America • twitter.com/MihaiBasarab/s...

Reply

Forward

**DeSantis**

@repdesantis

Visit @GovRonDeSantis

Joined December 2018

Following
1Followers
10

Follow



Follow

Charles T Anderson

@woesomecharlie1

Patriot, older than dirt, pro life, pro Isreal, 1A, 2A, reborn nationalist Western Chauvinist, no DM's, no lists, MAGA, KAG, and God bless all of you.



Follow

Sandra For TRUMP

@sandrajeanne48

Patriot, military brat, love the American Dream! Retired teacher of 33+ years. Love the youth of today!! TRUMP is MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!



Follow

just me

@efricke

Mom,Wife,Grandma, Conservative, 100% Fed UP, #tgdn #pjnet #tcot #teaparty #maga



Follow

Stephen A. Keenan

@Colonel1353



Follow

Earice Rsy Rhoden

@RhodenRsy



Follow

Blue Insight

@blueinsight33

[Follow](#)**Erin Kwan Lee-Sohn**

@ErinKLSohn

Servant of Christ! 9/11 made me a conservative. My husband made me precious. My 5 kids made me an adult. My friends made me knowledgeable.

[Follow](#)**Steve Van Gorden**

@SteveVanGorden

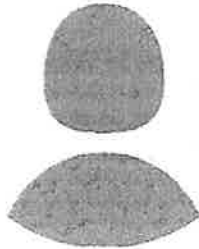
Steve Van Gorden is a Realtor with Century 21 and Lead Shift Supervisor at Youth Opportunity Investments, LLC. He also is a father of two: Kaitlyn 18+...

[Follow](#)**Tammy J**

@tammym6266

Love my husband, my sons & grandchildren. Proud to be an American & a Texan! #MAGA #buildthewall #trump2020 @realDonaldTrump ...

You won't see suspected spam accounts [here](#). [Learn more.](#)



Blue Insight

@blueinsight33

📍 Romania

📅 Joined October 2017

Following
1,539

Followers
19

Follow



DeSantis

@repdesantis

Visit @GovRonDeSantis

Follow



CA Senate Leader

@CAproTem

To outreach to the Senate President pro Tem regarding questions or comments on legislative issues, please visit the official CA Senate website.

Follow



George Freeman MP

@freeman_george

Please note my Twitter account has changed to @GeorgeFreemanMP

Follow



Larry Hogan

@LarryHogan

Changing Maryland for the Better! | Auth: Hogan For Governor, R. Christopher Rosenthal, Treas.

Follow



Jo Platt MP

@JoPlattMP

Mum, Labour and Co-operative MP for Leigh. ~~Shadow~~ Minister for Cabinet Office. For constituency queries please email: Joanne.platt.mp@parliament.uk

Follow



Dominic Raab

@DominicRaab

MP for Esher and Walton, father of two, boxing fan. (For constituency issues, please email dominic.raab.mp@parliament.uk)

Follow



Follow

James Frith MP

@JamesFrith

Dad, Husband. Labour MP for Bury North. Labour Housing Team PPS. Member of Education Select Cttee. Founder of @thealltogether. Singer. Sport &...



Follow

Robert Courts MP

@robertcourts

Member of Parliament for Witney & West Oxon. Volunteer @TVAirAmb. I do not respond on Twitter; pls email queries to robert@robertcourts.co.uk



Follow

Barry McElduff

@BarryMcElduff

Irish Republican. Strong GAA interest. Supporter of An Charraig Mhór and Tír Eoghain. QUB graduate in Celtic Studies /Political Science. Twice published author.



Follow

Lyn Brown

@lynbrownmp

MP for West Ham



Follow

Andrew Bowie MP

@AndrewBowieMP

Member of Parliament for West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine & PPS to DCMS. If you want to get in touch, please email me at...



Follow

Mike Amesbury MP

@MikeAmesburyMP

Shadow Minister for Employment, Labour MP for Weaver Vale. Get in touch at mike.amesbury.mp@parliament.uk or call 01928 620061



Follow

Nusrat Ghani MP

@Nus_Ghani

MP for Wealden and Transport & Maritime Minister. I don't do casework on twitter. If you are a constituent & want a response email...



Follow

Matt Western MP

@MattWestern_

Member of Parliament for Warwick & Leamington. Arsenal fan. If you are a constituent please email 'matt.western.mp@parliament.uk' or...

BlueInsight

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WHO ARE WE?

We are a start-up software company located in Sibiu, Romania.

We develop custom-tailored solutions in fields of:

- Content Management Systems
- Communication Gateways
- Hardware Control Systems
- Mobile Solutions
- API Integration

and more

Our goal is achieving the best solutions for our customers.



Professional Design



Perfect Documentation



Professional Design



Perfect Documentation



Outstanding Support

CLIENTS FEEDBACK

Highly recommended, very knowledgeable, always available and works above and beyond the call of duty. Will be using again as our project progresses.

Richard Daw - ProCo IT, UK



Very precise and professional. Flexible, personable, and knowledgeable. I highly recommend and I am looking forward to working with again in the future.

OCT 23, 26, SEPT 1 ROMANIA

Inbox x



Clarece Johnson @Clarece71 Sep 1

Andrew **Gillum** admits to having a 15 year relationship with George Soros! We're so sorry Tallahassee!!! If we had known we would have helped sooner! How many other 'State Mayors' have relations with him? Soros is banned in Israel Russia Hungary Poland **Romania**! US needs to be next!



Joe Biggs @Rambobiggs

Dem Candidate for FLA Gov @AndrewGillum takes money from @georgesoros

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Wayne Ferrell @arch1com Oct 26

Replying to @RozzaKat13 @AndrewGillum

Neither will the Eastern Europeans that were oppressed under socialism/communism. From your lips to God's ears. Soros is **Gillum**'s biggest supporter and the main reason he is still running. Follow @RexVallachorum formerly from **Romania**

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RexVallachorum's Commie Impelement Services LLC @RexVallachorum Oct 23

Replying to @arch1com @EatonJosh23

Yeah, but you know...we didn't do socialism right in **Romania** and Poland and everywhere else it was tried because we were too stupid and uneducated to understand its principles. But if somebody in America like **Gillum** or Bernie or Ocasio-Cortez is going to try it again, I'll work!

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OCT 17 <https://twitter.com/EvonS777/status/1052755567788228608>



Evon @EvonS777 Oct 17

Florida Socialist candidate Andrew Gillum graduated from an Oakland, Calif.-based training school for progressive revolutionaries that has spawned a list of activists who are the far-left leadership world, with many taking senior positions at organization financed by Soros.
Breitbart

TruthFeed News @Tru... · 5h

**Florida's Socialist Candidate
Graduated from Same Training
School as Other 'Soros
Revolutionaries'**



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OCT 24 <https://twitter.com/MihalBasarab/status/1055323569637548032>

1 message



#LiveFreeOrDie
@MihalBasarab

Follow @MihalBasarab

Replying to @AndrewGillum

what you lack in native intelligence you make up for with earnest stupidity; abject retardation

10:02 PM - 24 Oct 2018

OCT 20 MIHAIBASARAB ENDORSES DESANTIS TROLLS GILLUM



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihalBasarab Oct 20

At 4.1%, unemployment in the state is at the lowest level since 2006 and lower than the 4.4% national rate, which itself is a 16-year low.

Dont allow Gillum to destroy Florida - Vote @RonDeSantisFL

Mike Vance @mikey1701

I liked a @YouTube video [youtube/Qp0KwK9s17a](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp0KwK9s17a) ANGRY DEMOCRAT MOB Assaults Gay Journalist at Andrew Gillum Rally #JobsNotMobs



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihalBasarab Oct 20

Florida leads the 10 largest states in job growth and has added 75,449 new businesses since December 2010, a 16.5% increase in private-sector employers

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ya dont get @ ed when you're a nobody



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab Nov 15

Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner orders manual recount in U.S. Senate race and in Ag Commissioner contest.

Ron **DeSantis** is the new governor of Florida!



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab Nov 15

Ron **DeSantis** elected governor of Florida!!!

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#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab Nov 6

Replying to [@SaraCarterDC](#) [@RonDeSantisFL](#)



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab Nov 5

Gillum favors

40% Tax increase

Abolish ICE

Open Borders

Make FL Venezuela

Vote [@RonDeSantisFL](#)



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab Sep 17

Vote [@RonDeSantisFL](#)

The Judgment Lapses of Andrew **Gillum**

0 replies 0 retweets 0 likes



#LiveFreeOrDie @MihaiBasarab May 11

Say no to **Gillum**

BRADLEY C. HEROLD, campaign manager, RON DESANTIS FOR GOVERNOR, 610 South Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33604, Phone (813) 254-3369
 President, PARABELLUM STRATEGIES, LLC, 1412 E. Ridgewood, Orlando, FL 32803
 Vice President, SOMETHING ELSE STRATEGIES, LLC, 212 Golden Willow Court, Easley, SC 29642
 and 112 Lantern Ridge Drive, Easley, SC 29642

DESANTIS PAYMENTS to HEROLD's firms 7/20-8/21/2018

DeSantis, Ron (REP)(GOV)	07/20/2018	3,840.00 SOMETHING ELSE
STRATEGIES, LLC 212 GOLDEN WILLOW COURT		EASLEY, SC 29642
MEDIA PRODUCTION MON		
 Friends of Ron DeSantis (PAC)	 07/20/2018	 6,375.00 SOMETHING ELSE
STRATEGIES, LLC 212 GOLDEN WILLOW COURT		EASLEY, SC 29642
MEDIA PRODUCTION MON		
 Friends of Ron DeSantis (PAC)	 07/24/2018	 990,319.99 PARABELLUM
STRATEGIES 1412 E. RIDGEWOOD STREET		ORLANDO, FL 32803
DIRECT MAIL SERVICES ECC		
 Friends of Ron DeSantis (PAC)	 08/21/2018	 7,555.00 SOMETHING ELSE
STRATEGIES, LLC 212 GOLDEN WILLOW COURT		EASLEY, SC 29642
MEDIA PRODUCTION ECC		
 Friends of Ron DeSantis (PAC)	 08/21/2018	 8,450.00 SOMETHING ELSE
STRATEGIES, LLC 212 GOLDEN WILLOW COURT		EASLEY, SC 29642
MEDIA PRODUCTION ECC		

source: Florida Division of Elections Campaign Finance Database

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