

August 15, 2012

Ms. Jodi Winship

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Dear Ms. Winship:

I am responding to your correspondence of August 3, 2012 which I received on the 7th. I have spoken to Mr. Garr regarding your letter with very disappointing results.

Our little club Democratic Alliance for Action had previously used the services of now defunct Kindee Durkee for its filing. I did the deposits myself so we remained solvent. So we filed electronically for 12/2012, by ourselves, as it was not cost effective to hire someone to do it for us. Not to mention no one would do it.

So when a new reporting year rolled around March 2012, I called the FEC and spoke to our club handler, Kaitlin sp? Elkland, and asked her if we could file by paper. The response was, "No!! you cannot." Once we started to file electronically, we had to continue filing that way. No exceptions. She then transferred me to Elica (Elisha) Green who in no uncertain terms re-iterated Ms. Elkland's orders. So we followed their orders and attempted to file electronically again. This was the first quarter for 2012. Neither of them mentioned that since this was the first filing for the year we could paper file it, since we would meet the other requirements to permit paper filing.

So when I tried to file electronically for the second quarter of 2012, using your new computer program update, it caused my computer to crash and destroyed my Gmail account, among other things. I tried to get a waiver or any kind of relief

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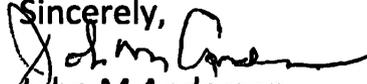
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from Ms. Elkland's successor Armond but again to no avail. Once we had filed electronically at any point, we had to do the same forever, it did not matter what the reporting amounts were. So for my sanity I gave up, printed it, and mailed it.

Then I received your letter and looked up the CFR sections. I spoke to Mr. Garr after I read 11CFR section 104.18 and realized for the first time that I did not have to file electronically in March 2012 because we would not have reached the threshold amounts under subparts a1 and a2. Thus we were excused from electronic filing and could go paper. Thus, it would appear, we had been provided with erroneous advice from your office regarding the necessity of electronic filing.

But Mr. Garr pointed out we did file electronically "voluntarily" in March, so pursuant to another subpart we had to continue to file electronically. But when I attempted to point out it was **not** voluntary, we were told to do so, by Ms. Elkland and Ms Green in the FEC, as we had no choice in the matter, he responded he could do nothing to help me, thus I am now writing to you to try to obtain some relief maybe a waiver from this electronic filing? Can you please help me out?

Sincerely,

John M Anderson

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