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To: CELA

Cc: <u>Kathleen Hollister</u> Subject: MUR 8113

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Good day,

I have received complaint MUR 8113 that alleges an improper in-kind contribution to the campaign of Representative Elissa Slotkin. As explained below, I have not made an excessive campaign contribution to Rep. Slotkin's campaign. Rather, my wife and I rented her a property at a fair market value.

The property my wife and I rented to Dave Moore & Elissa Slotkin was Lansing MI 48906. This is "Property 2" as described in the complaint. My wife, Kathy, and I are both listed as owners of the property and are both listed on the lease agreement. Kathy and I have since sold "Property 1" (

East Lansing MI 48823) and it was never used or occupied by Rep. Slotkin; it is irrelevant to this matter.

The property did come partially furnished with bare furnishings: a bed, 2 couches, a desk, dining room table/chairs, and basic kitchenware. However, Ms. Slotkin provided other items needed to live in the home.

While discussing the potential lease with Ms. Slotkin in February 2022, we had a deliberate discussion about determining fair market value. Kathy and I did research using the property website Zillow.com for other 2 BR 2 Bath apartments in the Lansing/East Lansing area and found apartments ranging from \$1000 - \$1750. Since the lease included utilities and some furnishings, we added \$250 to the higher end to make the monthly rent \$2000. We all agreed that this was a fair price and in keeping with the higher values of the rental market at the time. At no time was there any intention to discount the rental rate. In fact, by selecting rates at the top of our research, the exact opposite was the case.

Please contact me at if there are further questions.

Jerry & Kathy Hollister