

## COMMITTEE TO ELECT ALAN GRAYSON 9477 Westover Club Circle Windermere, FL 34786

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## **BY E-MAIL**

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## RE: **<u>RR 19L-07- Supplement</u>**

Dear Mr. Jordan (and Ms. Dennis):

This is the response of the Committee to Elect Alan Grayson ("Committee") to your letter of March 23, 2020. Per Ms. Dennis's communications with former Rep. Grayson, the deadline for this response has been extended, and this response is submitted on time.

Your letter concerns discrepancies in the Committee's 2016 12-Day Pre-Primary Report, covering the period from July 1, 2016 through August 10, 2016. That report was amended by both former bookkeeper Dustin Andersen and current bookkeeper Robin Sexton. The discrepancies appear to be, in substance, corrections that Ms. Sexton made to Mr. Andersen's reports.

As explained in great detail in our letter dated July 28, 2019, which we incorporate by reference, the original report in question was incomplete because of what appears to have been a very regrettable psychiatric problem on the part of the Committee's bookkeeper, Dustin Andersen, which required hospitalization, as well as unusual software problems that took several weeks to resolve. Mr. Andersen failed to advise the Committee of his personal problem until well after the Jeff Jordan FEC Assistant General Counsel April 21, 2020

incomplete report had been filed. After it learned of this grave problem, the Committee relieved Mr. Andersen of his responsibilities. In due course, the Committee filed the corrective report that resulted in your letter. In the interim, the Committee advised the FEC in correspondence that corrective action was underway. In short, the Committee recognized the problem that Mr. Andersen's tragic personal condition had created, accepted responsibility for it and, over time, took the action needed to solve that problem.

In retrospect, the Committee believes that Andersen, its Treasurer, appears to have suffered a nervous breakdown during the campaign. This is very sad, and all of the consequences deeply regrettable. The Committee believes that it acted in a responsible manner in dealing with this tragedy, and it hopes that the FEC shares this view. The Committee has devoted substantial resources, time and effort to addressing the resulting issues, and it stands ready to continue to do so. The Committee thanks the FEC, in advance, for its understanding and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Star Grayson</u> Star Grayson Treasurer Committee to Elect Alan Grayson Mailing address: 9477 Westover Club Circle Windermere, FL 34786

Encl – July 28, 2019 Letter