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999 E Street, N.W.
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BY FAX: 202-219-3923

RE: MUR No. 5915

Dear Ms. Duncan:

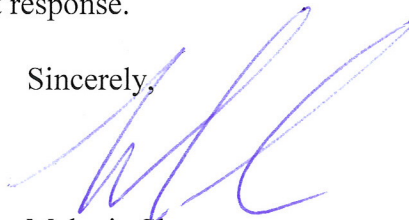
Today the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") announced it had reached a conciliation agreement with Martinez for Senate and the campaign committee's treasurer, Nancy H. Watkins, in resolution of MUR number 5959.

While we certainly applaud the Commission for taking action in this matter, it seems odd that the conciliation agreement makes no mention of a complaint filed by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") against the same respondents for the same campaign finance violations, but with an earlier MUR number, 5915. We would appreciate an explanation of this discrepancy.

As I understand the FEC's obligations, because CREW filed a complaint, we should have been informed of the resolution of this matter. Thus, I would like to know both why CREW's complaint was not merged with the Audit Division's referral, which was assigned a subsequent MUR number, and why CREW was never notified of the conciliation agreement.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Melanie Sloan
Executive Director