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> Request for Investigation and Prosecution of Angie G. Langley and MyCongressmanIsNuts.com

Dear Attorney General:

I am the Congressman for Florida's Eighth Congressional District ("FL-8"). I am writing to request investigation and prosecution of Angie G. Langley, 969 W. Lakeshore Drive, Clermont, FL 34711, personally, and also against the campaign committee "MyCongressmanIsNuts.com," P.O. Box 1063, Orlando, FL 32802 (the "Committee"), for criminal violation of 18 U.S.C. 1001. Ms. Langley is the Treasurer of the Committee (Ex. A-1).

As explained below, Ms. Langley and the Committee falsely represented to the Federal Election Commission that the Committee "supports or opposes more than one candidate." In fact, however, the committee name corresponds to a website that attacks me, and only me, while soliciting contributions to be used against only me. Moreover, Ms. Langley has falsely depicted herself as a constituent, in order to further this scheme. Ms. Langley and the Committee thus have, "in a[] matter within the jurisdiction of the executive . . . branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully -

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- (1) falsifie[d], conceal[ed], or cover[ed] up any trick, scheme, or device a material fact;
- (2) ma[de] a[] materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; [and]
- (3) ma[de] or use[d] a[] false writing or document knowing the same to contain all materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent entry."
- Id. These matters were brought to Ms. Langley's personal attention through complaint to the FEC weeks ago, but she and the Committee continue to solicit contributions fraudulently, and have stubbornly refused to return the contributions that they already have received. Therefore, Ms. Langley and the Committee should be fined, and Ms. Langley imprisoned for five years. Id.

The factual basis for this request are set forth in the FEC complaint (Ex. A and attachments A-1 to A-5, incorporated by reference), and recapitulated below.

I. Committee and Website Name

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Ms. Langley has chosen a name for her committee that is utterly tasteless and juvenile. Of the thousands of campaign committees reporting to the FEC, I doubt that any other one sinks this low. But that is not the primary purpose of this complaint.

By choosing the name "My Congressman is Nuts" for her committee, Ms. Langley is indicating that I am her Congressman. I am not her Congressman, and I have never been her Congressman. Ms. Langley resides at 969 W. Lakeshore Drive, Clermont, FL 34711 (Ex. A-2). This is many miles outside my district. Ms. Langley lives within FL-5, not FL-8.

Ms. Langley has deliberately masqueraded as a constituent of mine, in order to try to create the false appearance that she speaks for constituents who don't support me. This is fundamentally deceptive and fraudulent.

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For instance, on Oct. 30, 2009, Ms. Langley appeared on a local TV station, Fox 35 (Ex. A-3). Langley was introduced as being one of "some of his people [Grayson] represents [who are] getting really upset." Langley pretended to be a person whom I represent. During the interview, the interviewer said that Langley "lives in Lake County, one of districts that Congressman Grayson represents." Langley continued the charade that she lives in my district. She even claimed that "I have many friends who voted for him," to try to cement the misperception that she lives in FL-8.

Similarly, in an Oct. 31, 2009, interview in the Washington Times (Ex. 4), Ms. Langley falsely claimed that she lives "in the Lake County portion of Mr. Grayson's district" (Ex. A-4).

Clearly, this was not some kind of innocent mistake. As the Washington Times pointed out, Ms. Langley was the head of the Lake County Republican Party. Someone in that position cannot help but know which Members of Congress represent her and her county.

Since I do not represent Ms. Langley in Congress, any fundraising effort of hers directed against me that begins with the phrase "My Congressman" is fundamentally dishonest and fraudulent.

II. "Non-Connected Committee" Assertion

In the Committee's Statement of Organization, Ms. Langley falsely claimed that the Committee supports or opposes more than one candidate, and that it is not connected with any other organization (see Ex. 5). The website, however, clearly shows that the Committee opposes only me. This also was true in the Committee's news release, and Langley's statements in media coverage regarding the website. Moreover, in the Fox 35 interview, when the interviewer said "so your goal is to unseat him [meaning me]," Ms. Langley's response was "absolutely, that is our entire goal."

Furthermore, since Ms. Langley is a former Republican Party official, it strains credulity for her to assert that her committee is not connected with any other organization. Indeed, the avowed purpose of the Committee is to raise money for the Republican nominee in next year's FL-8 election. Thus the Committee is simply a device to skirt around contribution limits.

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In short, the activities of Ms. Langley and the committee are awash with fraud. Every dollar that the committee has raised has been raised in violation of law. Indeed, among other things, Ms. Langley is personally guilty of the type of fraudulent misrepresentation specifically prohibited by 18 U.S.C. 1001.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that Ms. Langley and the Committee be prosecuted under 18 USC 1001, and any other applicable provision. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan Grayson, M.C.

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