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James Klahr
Executive Director

March 9, 2016

Thomas Martin
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Re: File No. 16-0002-I

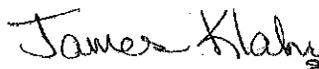
Dear Mr. Martin:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and Our Place Convenience & Gas at its March 8, 2016 meeting. The complaint alleged that you and your store, Our Place Convenience & Gas, posted materials on a store bulletin board created by a group calling itself Concerned Citizens of St. Mary and opposing certain candidates and supporting other candidates in the April 2014 St. Mary municipal election. The material did not include a paid for by disclosure as required by Section 130.031.8, RSMo. The complaint alleges that, by posting these materials on your bulletin board, you distributed material without a proper paid for by disclosure.

Staff review of this complaint determined that, while the store did in fact have the flyers posted on a bulletin board in the store, you indicated that various individuals in the community will post items on the bulletin board and that an item is not taken off the bulletin board unless it is profane in nature. Further, there is nothing to indicate that you were involved with or knew about the group responsible for the flyers, Concerned Citizens of St. Mary.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the paid for by law pursuant to Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,


James Klahr
Executive Director

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3/10/2016