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*Kathryn Ross*

**Bret Allain  
Senate Campaign**

600 Main Street, Ste. 1  
Franklin, LA 70538

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May 6, 2019

Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints  
Examination & Legal Administration  
Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal  
1050 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Via Email only  
@ela@fec.gov

Re: Response to Bret Allain Campaign Fund to MUR 7594

Dear Ms. Ross:

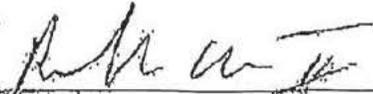
The purpose of the letter response and the following attachments is to demonstrate that no action should be taken against Bret Allain Campaign Fund and/or Bret Allain in MUR 7594:

- Attachment No. 1            Affidavit of Laura R. Meadows with Attachments - Exhibits A
- Attachment No. 2            Affidavit of R. L. "Bret" Allain II, with Attachments - Exhibits A/B/C
- Attachment No. 3            Letter from Brian Fahrenthold to the Honorable Senator Bret Allain/Bret Allain Campaign Fund, with an enclosed check dated dated 9/7/17 to Bret Allain Campaign, drawn on account of Enbridge (U.S.) Inc Pac (Enbridge - DCP PAC), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, TX 77056, in the amount of \$1,000.00

The attachment *No. 3* show the contribution from Enbridge received by Bret Allain Campaign Fund.

Attachments *No. 1 and 2* affidavits of Laura Meadows, Legislative Assistant to Senator Bret Allain, and of Senator Bret Allain, details the facts surrounding receipt of that contribution.

If in fact Enbridge, Inc. is a foreign entity, neither Ms. Meadows nor I ever assumed that to be the case. The two different addresses on Attachments *No. 3* give no indication of foreign involvement.

  
R.L. "Bret" Allain II  
State Senator - District 21

AFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF St. Mary

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, personally came and appeared:

LAURA R. MEADOWS

who, after being first duly sworn, did depose and state:

1. I, Laura R. Meadows, am employed as legislative assistant to Senator Bret Allain; and have served in this capacity since 2012.
2. In the course and scope of my duties as such, I handle all the legislative business of Senator Allain from his district office, located at 600 Main Street, Suite 1, Franklin, LA 70538.
3. My duties include the receipt and deposit of all campaign contributions to Bret Allain Campaign to the extent that I receive them; record the campaign contributions; and report the campaign contributions to our campaign finance treasurer who prepares the required reporting to the Louisiana Campaign Finance office.
4. The records of the Senator's office indicate that on or about October 30, 2017, I made a deposit of three campaign contributions which I received at the district office made payable to Bret Allain Campaign; I deposited the total amount of \$2,500.00 to the Whitney Bank account on October 30, 2017, including three checks, one of which was Check No. 4069 from Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. PAC (Enbridge-DCP PAC) in the amount of \$1,000.00, dated September 7, 2017.
5. As a rule, all campaign donations are mailed to the district office at 600 Main Street, Suite 1, Franklin, LA 70538 and are deposited by me into the Campaign Account.
6. As a general rule, Senator Allain does not see all of the checks deposited as he is not usually at the District office but at his business farm office, approximately 10 to 15 miles away, at 5172 Chitamacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70538.
7. I may at times tell Senator Allain that we received contributions but our conversations usually concern the total amount of the deposit and are not detailed as to individual contributors.
8. I observed nothing on the Enbridge check or the letter and business card that accompanied the Enbridge check (see copies attached at Exhibit A) to indicate to me anything out of the ordinary or that the donor was a foreign national. The check listed an address in Houston, Texas; and the cover letter listed an address in Washington, D.C.
9. I keep very good records of all deposits and contributions.

- 10. I ensure that all our reports to Campaign Finance are filed in a timely manner.
- 11. There was nothing to indicate to me that this particular contribution was anything but legal, normal and standard in nature.
- 12. I observed no improprieties with this contribution.
- 13. The deposit was made in good faith that all was legitimate and legal.
- 14. I do not recall discussing any specifics of this contribution with Senator Allain. I am not sure he was even aware that the particular contribution was received by me and deposited to the Campaign Account.
- 15. I cannot recall at this time any other particulars regarding this check or deposit, as these events occurred in 2017, almost two years ago.
- 16. All of the statements of facts herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

*Laura R. Meadows*  
 LAURA R. MEADOWS  
 Legislative Assistant to Louisiana State Senator  
 Bret Allain

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, Notary Public, at Morgan City, Louisiana, on the 6th day of May, 2019.

*Laurin Beadle*  
 NOTARY PUBLIC  
*Laurin Beadle*  
 042002

May 2, 2019

Enbridge/DCP Political Action Committee  
20 F Street NW, Suite 550  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Via Federal Express

ATTN: Brian Fahrenthold

RE: Return of Campaign Contribution

Dear Mr. Fahrenthold:

See enclosed check No. 2097 dated May 6, 2019, written on the account of Bret Allain Campaign in the amount of \$1,000.00, returning to you the \$1,000.00 campaign contribution sent to me by you by check dated September 9, 2017. See enclosed.

It has come to my attention that Enbridge or Enbridge, Inc. is or may be considered a foreign national.

Very truly yours,

  
SENATOR BRET ALLAIN

Enclosures: Check for refund \$1,000.00  
Copy of Enbridge check for \$1,000.00

Attachment A to Attachment No. 1

<b>BRET ALLAIN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE INC 2015</b>		2097
800 MAIN ST SUITE 7 FRANKLIN, LA, 70538		84-18054 138
DATE <u>5/6/19</u>		
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Enbridge</u>	\$ <u>1000.00</u>	
<u>One Thousand Dollars &amp; no/100</u>	DOLLARS	
 HANCOCK WHITNEY		
FOR <u>Return of Contribution 9/7/17</u>	<u>Paul R. Meadows</u>	

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF Baton Rouge

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, personally came and appeared:

R.L. "BRET" ALLAIN, II,

who, after being first duly sworn, did depose and state:

1. My name is R.L. "Bret" Allain, II. I have served as a Senator in the Louisiana State Senate from 2011, representing District 21.
2. When I first received this Complaint, I did not recognize the name Brian Fahrenthold or any entity named Enbridge or Enbridge, Inc.
3. Upon conversing with others, I learned that Brian Fahrenthold was a lobbyist for the oil and gas industry or an oil and gas company.
4. I also learned that Enbridge is an oil and gas company.
5. I learned from my legislative assistant, Laura Meadows, that my district office at 600 Main Street, Franklin, Louisiana did receive the letter and check, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and Exhibit B, respectively, on or before October 30, 2017.
6. Ms. Meadows has advised me that she deposited the check in the campaign account.
7. Upon learning from the Complaint filed that Enbridge or Enbridge Inc., the donor of the campaign contribution represented by Exhibit B, may be considered a foreign entity, we returned the check to Enbridge/DCP Political Action Committee, Attn: Brian Fahrenthold, 20 F Street NW, Suite 550, Washington, D.C. 20001. See Exhibit C attached.
8. Upon being advised that Brian Fahrenthold is an oil and gas lobbyist, I now believe I may have seen or met with him at an industry function or functions, possibly a function sponsored by the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association.
9. I never solicited a campaign contribution from Brian Fahrenthold or any company he may have been involved with.
10. Brian Fahrenthold never represented to me that he was involved with a foreign entity, and I never considered that to be the case.
11. Upon reviewing Exhibit A and Exhibit B, containing a Washington, D.C. address and a Houston address, respectively, I would not believe Enbridge to be a foreign entity.
12. Regarding the handwritten note on Exhibit A, I do not recall Brian Fahrenthold scheduling a meeting at my district office, although most meetings are scheduled through my legislative assistant, if an

appointment was scheduled.

- 13. I also do not recall Brian Fahronthold telling me that he would stop by my office in Franklin, Louisiana.
- 14. I have discussed this Complaint with my legislative assistant Laura Meadows and I believe the content of her Affidavit to be true and correct.
- 15. I am offering this affidavit as a response to Complaint MUR 7594 insofar as it relates to the Bret Allain Campaign Fund and/or Bret Allain.
- 16. Upon receipt of the Complaint (MUR 7494), the Bret Allain Campaign Fund returned the donation to Enbridge. See Exhibit A attached.
- 17. All of the statements of fact contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

R.L. "BRET" ALLAIN

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, Notary Public, at Baton Rouge Louisiana, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC

YOLANDA DIXON  
BAR ROLL # 2000



Enbridge-DCP PAC  
20 F Street, NW, Suite 550  
Washington, DC 20001

September 11, 2017

The Honorable Senator Bret Allain  
Bret Allain Campaign Fund  
600 Main St.  
Franklin, LA 70538

Dear Senator Allain:

Please find a contribution attached in the amount of \$1000 from our employee based PAC. We appreciate your sacrifice and devotion to public service and note your approach to public policy is conducive to our company's ideals.

We look forward to working with you to shape positive outcomes in future legislative sessions.

Sincerely,

Brian Fahrenthold  
Senior Strategist  
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5400 WESTHEIMER COURT  
HOUSTON, TX 77056  
FEC ID C00429862

COMERICA BANK  
09-009/720

THIS PAC IS REGISTERED AS A MULTI-CANDIDATE CMTE.

Date: 09/07/2017

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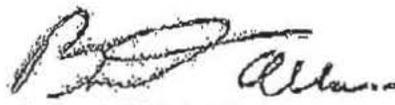
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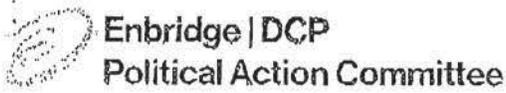
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