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**revised inquiry**

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Thu, Feb 21, 2019 at 10:17 PM

To: Rocky Sposato &lt;rjsposato@yahoo.com&gt;

How can donors have been intending to support the group's other actions when there were no other actions? I have found no sign of any activity by lowans for a Progressive Tomorrow during 2018, other than financing three direct mailings in support of Eddie Mauro. The obvious conclusion is that donations were solicited to pay for the independent expenditures.

I still don't understand how you are in compliance with rules requiring that less than half of your organization's annual spending be related to campaigns and elections.

Laura

On Thu, Feb 21, 2019 at 8:28 PM Rocky Sposato &lt;rjsposato@yahoo.com&gt; wrote:

Laura,

You are in possession of our written response to the FEC that explains that we have complied with the disclosure requirements. The letter speaks for itself.

Best,  
Rocky Sposato

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 21, 2019, at 7:51 PM, Laura Belin &lt;desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com&gt; wrote:

You are defying the Federal Election Commission's demand to disclose donors, and refusing to provide any information to me about your group's activities (if there were any after the primary), because I did not meet you for coffee last summer?

Here is an excerpt from your message of June 19:

"Happy to sit down and introduce myself to talk about the direction of lowans for a Progressive Tomorrow, and my past/future involvement with campaigns.

"Although, I will not talk about financing of lowans for a Progressive Tomorrow.

"As I indicated before, we will be following the FEC disclosure requirements. I don't believe we're required to disclose our sources of funding under FEC, or IRS law."

I didn't realize I was obligated to have coffee with you to get an answer to a simple question about your plans for the group.

It is now apparent that you have decided not to follow the FEC disclosure requirements. FEC campaign finance analyst Jamie Sikorsky wrote to you on December 4,

"Each contributor who made a donation in excess of \$200 to further the independent

expenditure(s) must be itemized on Schedule 5-A, including their identification information."

Please let me know if you have any further comments for the record.

Yours,

Laura

On Thu, Feb 21, 2019 at 7:33 PM Rocky Sposato <rjsposato@yahoo.com> wrote:

Laura,

Please remind your readers that I offered transparency at the outset when I asked to meet with you over coffee to explain what we were doing. You did not give me the courtesy of a response.

Best,  
Rocky Sposato

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 21, 2019, at 6:30 PM, Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Rocky, I plan to publish about this tomorrow morning, so if you want to make any comment for the record, please send that to me this evening or give me a call at 276-6971.

Thanks,

Laura

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 21, 2019 at 9:39 AM

Subject: revised inquiry

To: Rocky Sposato <rjsposato@yahoo.com>

Dear Rocky,

I just realized your December 26, 2018 response to the FEC was posted in a different area of their website. I had not seen it before I sent my earlier message.

<http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/138/201901280300255138/201901280300255138.pdf>

I was surprised to see you are claiming lowans for a Progressive Tomorrow received no contributions "for the purpose of furthering the reported independent expenditure."

I have seen no sign that your organization engaged in any activity that could require any significant spending, other than those direct mail pieces. For what other purpose could your contributors possibly have been donating?

What tangible actions did lowans for a Progressive Tomorrow undertake during 2018, other than financing three direct mailings in support of Eddie Mauro?

Thanks,

Laura