FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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January 10, 2011

Mr. Peter Bassi

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/784; Peter Bassi, Respondent

Dear Mr. Bassi:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act"), found in Government Code Section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a referral from the Secretary of State that alleged you failed to file a major donor campaign statement.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that on June 10, 2009 you made a contribution to Meg Whitman for Governor 2010, but failed to file a major donor statement in connection with that contribution by the July 31, 2009 deadline.

Specifically the Act defines a committee to include any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly makes contributions totaling ten thousand dollars ($10,000) or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or committees. (Section 82013.) Persons who qualify as a major donor file campaign statements on a semi-annual basis disclosing the contributions made during a six-month period. (Section 84200.)

Your actions violated the Act because you made a $25,900 contribution to Meg Whitman for Governor 2010 in June of 2009, but failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement. However, since you filed that statement immediately after contact by the Enforcement Division, we are closing our file on this matter.

Please note, upon review of the Form 461 that you filed on December 26, 2010, it appears you triggered electronic filing requirements pursuant to Government Code Section 84605. Because you contributed over $50,000 to Meg Whitman for Governor 2010, you will have an obligation to file the Form 461 electronically covering the entire 2010 year by January 31, 2011.

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[1] The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18109 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to $5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact Teri Rindahl at 916-327-2018 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

cc: Mr. Chris Reynolds, Acting Chief, Political Reform Division, Secretary of State's Office

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