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## VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Andrew Narong Janz, Esquire Fresno County District Attorney's Office 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000 Fresno, California 93721 damail@fresnocountyca.gov

RE: <u>Devin G. Nunes</u>

Dear Mr. Janz:

I represent Devin G. Nunes.

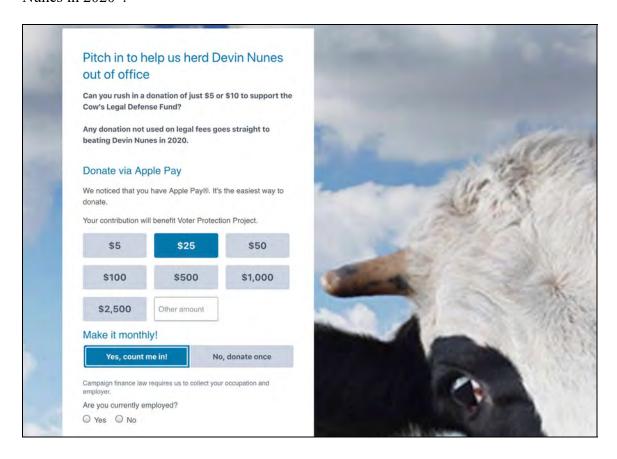
I write again – this time to address a matter of grave import and enormous consequence.

You are an Attorney and a State Prosecutor. You know that it is criminal and wrongful for any person to engage in cyberbullying, computer harassment, stalking and other threatening behavior. [See, e.g., Cal. Pen. Code § 653.2; Cal. Pen. Code § 653m; Cal. Pen. Code § 646.9]. Of course, threatening government officials of the United States is a Federal crime. [See, e.g., 18 U.S.C. § 111; 18 U.S.C. § 351(e)].

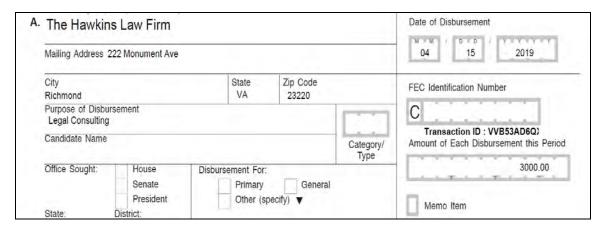
As you well know, for over two years, Mr. Nunes has been maliciously harassed, stalked, bullied online, threatened and egregiously defamed on Twitter by the user or users who post day and night, through the anonymous Twitter account, @DevinCow. [https://twitter.com/DevinCow].

In December 2018, you started the "Voter Protection Project". [http://protectvoting.org/leadership/]. In March 2019, the *Fresno Bee* reported that you intended to provide a legal defense fund for @DevinCow through your PAC. [https://www.fresnobee.com/news/politics-government/article228305684.html].

As you well know, @DevinCow has been using your PAC to solicit funds to pay legal expenses, with any funds not used on legal fees to go "straight to beating Devin Nunes in 2020":



It is unclear from a review of your FEC filings how much money has been raised for @DevinCow and how much has been disbursed to or for the benefit of @DevinCow [https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/962/201907269151675962/201907269151675962.pdf#nav panes=0], although I note substantial disbursements to digital and communications consultants and the following payment to legal counsel in Richmond, Virginia:



Based upon the evidence I have reviewed, it appears that you or an agent or agents acting at your direction is coordinating, instigating, aiding and abetting the user or users of the **@DevinCow** Twitter account in the malicious harassment, cyberbullying, stalking and defamation of Mr. Nunes.

As you acknowledged in March 2019 to the *Fresno Bee*, you know the identity of the user or users of **@DevinCow**, and you are funding these persons.

This behavior is completely incompatible with your ethical and legal duties as a Fresno County Deputy District Attorney.

## Demand is hereby made upon you as follows:

- 1. Immediately cause the user or users of @DevinCow to cease and desist from publishing any further false or defamatory statements of and concerning Mr. Nunes;
- 2. Immediately cause the @DevinCow Twitter account to retract all harassing, disparaging, false and defamatory tweets and retweets of and concerning Mr. Nunes, and apologize for the harm done to Mr. Nunes and his family;
- 3. Within one (1) business day of retraction and public apology, cause the termination of the @DevinCow Twitter account.

As a Deputy District Attorney, it would be egregious and irresponsible for you to continue to keep secret from the public the identity of @DevinCow.

You are legally, ethically and morally responsible to act now.

Call or email me if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Steven S. Biss

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cc. Devin G. Nunes