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**CAUGHT RED HANDED: McClintock Campaign continues deceptive campaign tactics with illegal Robo-Dial Phone Calls**

*With audio proof, Brown Campaign Notifies FEC of McClintock's Illegal Activities*

**Roseville:** This morning, Charlie Brown for Congress filed an official complaint with the Federal Elections Commission, in response to multiple violations of federal election laws by the Congressional Campaign of Southern California State Senator Tom McClintock.

Throughout the 2008 election, the McClintock campaign has made repeated use of auto dial telephone calls---which are, by themselves, a violation of California State law (California Political Utilities Code Sections 2871-2876).

Following widespread use of the nuisance calls by his 2006 opponent and Federal Criminal Corruption probe target John Doolittle, Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown publicly renounced robo-calls and has made good on a pledge not to utilize them during the 2008 campaign.

*"Robo-Dial phone calls are a nuisance and a deceptive campaign tactic typical of negative campaigns that would rather attack a person's character than offer detailed solutions,"* Brown said back on October 21st. *"I am calling on Tom McClintock to join me in a bi-partisan effort to conduct an above board campaign based on direct contact with voters---not deceptive and annoying robo-calls."*

McClintock did not accept Brown's invitation, and on the very next day launched a deceptive robo call to attack Brown, which also violated federal law (11 C.F.R. & 110.11), by failing to include a the legally required disclaimer identifying who paid for and authorized the campaign communication.

Among those receiving the illegal October 22nd, McClintock Robo-Call were the Charlie Brown for Congress campaign office. Audio of that call, as well as recordings of calls left on the voice mail of two other District 4 residents (Hank Raymond and Alan Shuttleworth) are attached. Each of the recordings, taken directly from the answering machines of the recipients, lacked the legally required disclaimer—a violation of federal law.

*"Charlie is committed to cleaning up Washington---and that starts with cleaning up the questionable conduct that has become all too commonplace in political campaigns,"* said Brown Campaign Manager Todd Stenhouse. *"If Tom is unwilling to honestly engage voters and play by the rules, he shouldn't have entered the race."*

The illegal phone calls are the most recent chapter in what has been a well documented pattern of ethically questionable and deceptive campaign tactics by the McClintock campaign.

- On September 26th, the Brown campaign produced photo evidence demonstrating that the McClintock campaign had plagiarized an veterans related content off the Charlie Brown for congress website.
- On September 8th, the El Dorado Mt. Democrat reported that the McClintock campaign was routinely making statements about Brown that "lacked validity."
- On August 19th, McClintock was forced to publicly retract a claim he made in an August 10th Auburn Journal column about China drilling for oil off the coast of Cuba---a falsehood which had been renounced by the national media, and Vice President Dick Cheney more than 2 months earlier.
- McClintock has taken more than \$300,000 in tax-free per diem payments reserved for State Legislators maintaining a primary residence more than 50 miles from the Capitol, despite claiming on numerous occasions during his campaign for Congress that he has lived and raised his family in Elk Grove---less than 20 miles from the Capitol---"since 1996."
- Despite promising to close them and donate all the money to charity, McClintock has failed to do so--maintaining two open Campaign committees for 2010 runs for statewide elected office while running for Congress in CA 04.
- McClintock's campaign manager, John Feliz, was a longtime consultant to Rep. John Doolittle, and was fined by the California Fair Political Practices Commission for sending out illegal campaign mailers on Doolittle's behalf.

*"Considering Tom McClintock said he would follow in John Doolittle's footsteps back on May 8th, it is clear from the conduct of his campaign that he is working to make good on that promise," said Brown Campaign Manager Todd Stenhouse. "Apparently Tom didn't get the memo—ethics matter and career politicians are not above the law."*

Charlie Brown spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, flying rescue helicopters at the end of the Vietnam War, piloting reconnaissance missions around the world, and coordinating a variety of intelligence collection assets. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Sikorsky Winged S, 7 Air Medals, and 5 Meritorious Service Medals. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Brown also owns a Masters in Aviation Management from Embry Riddle University, and a California teaching credential. Brown's wife of 35 years, Jan, served as an Air Force Nurse, and their son is on Active Duty and has served Four rotations in Iraq. Charlie Brown is a candidate for Congress in California's 4th District.

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