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**VIA FEDEX - OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

WPHL-TV (WPHL-17)  
5001 Wynnefield Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19131

**RE: CEASE AND DESIST**

Dear General Manager:

It has come to our attention that your station continues to air advertisements (paid for by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee) that falsely claim Brian Fitzpatrick, the Republican candidate in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, "[s]upports Donald Trump." See [http://mycmag.kantarmediana.com/KMlcmagvidbin2/HOUSE\\_PA08\\_DCCC\\_AGENDA\\_FOR\\_WOMEN.html](http://mycmag.kantarmediana.com/KMlcmagvidbin2/HOUSE_PA08_DCCC_AGENDA_FOR_WOMEN.html). This baseless claim is demonstrably false. We demand that your station immediately cease and desist from any further distribution of this advertisement or any future advertisement that repeats the same false allegation.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's public record is exceedingly clear that he does not support Donald Trump. Specifically, on October 8, 2016, Mr. Fitzpatrick issued the following statement:

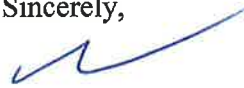
"Donald Trump's comments and actions are offensive and disgusting and they cannot be rationalized or ignored, regardless of context. Like the vast majority of residents in this district, I have been frustrated by this presidential campaign because neither candidate shares our values. This is why, as a former FBI Supervisory Special Agent and Federal Prosecutor, I have refused to endorse either candidate, and reached the point that I cannot vote for either candidate. While Steve Santarsiero has steadfastly refused to show any difference between himself and his party's nominee - the voters of this district can count on me to demonstrate independence always, regardless of the consequences."

Your station must cease the airing of the advertisement immediately. The advertisement is false, misleading, and deceptive, as proven by Mr. Fitzpatrick's repeated public statements expressing that he does not support Donald Trump. The false statements threaten substantial and immediate harm to the campaign and to Mr. Fitzpatrick's personal reputation. Mike Fitzpatrick and Brian Fitzpatrick for Congress stand prepared to pursue all legal remedies available to cease the distribution of this advertisement and to protect from any future false statements in the DCCC's public communications.

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Please contact me to inform me of your decision. I may be reached via email at [mhaverstick@kleinbard.com](mailto:mhaverstick@kleinbard.com) or by phone at 215-496-7225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew H. Haverstick', written in a cursive style.

MATTHEW H. HAVERSTICK

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