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Lisa J. Stevenson  
Acting General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
1050 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

Thank you for your letter of August 28 reminding me that on April 13, 2023, and April 19, 2024, I was sent a letter requesting the submission of a successive year financial disclosure report required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978. Thank you as well for expressing your awareness of my intention to not file such a report as indicated in my letter dated May 18, 2023. I further appreciate your warning that I may be referred to the Department of Justice for civil action if I do not provide a public financial disclosure report.

In my view, such a demand by the federal government for disclosure without a court order is neither contemplated by the Constitution nor tolerated by the First Amendment. Candidates must be allowed to decide for themselves what information to disclose and to be held accountable by the electorate regarding both their disclosure decisions and the information they disclose.

As you may know, my campaign has consistently complied with FEC requirements for the disclosure of campaign-related receipts and disbursements. While I do feel such reporting is ethically and Constitutionally similar to that of personal financial disclosure, I have chosen to comply with campaign finance rules to avoid putting in legal jeopardy a campaign in which so many others have invested their funds and hard work.

As last year, again on advice of conscience and in support of civil liberty, I must decline to file a personal financial disclosure report. I would be glad to meet with you on the matter at your convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike ter Maat", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike ter Maat  
Libertarian Party Nominee for Vice President