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VIA EMAIL: Vesper.Mei@usdoj.gov

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Re: Sibel Edmonds

Dear Ms. Mei:

Thank you for your letter of August 6, 2009 concerning your opinion that Sibel Edmonds is under no compulsion to testify pursuant to subpoena issued in the Schmidt v. Krikorian matter before the Ohio Election Commission. With respect to not complying with the FBI's procedures concerning Ms. Edmonds ability to testify in the above-mentioned matter, please see my attached letter to Valerie Caproni, General Counsel to the FBI.

In your letter you assert that the subpoena issued to Ms. Edmonds is not valid or enforceable and that Ms. Edmonds is under no compulsion to testify. As you know, the subpoena was served on Ms. Edmonds as we have accepted service on her behalf. The fact that the deposition would commence at Ms. Edmonds' convenience in the District of Columbia – rather than forcing her to travel to Ohio – is not a valid basis to assert that she is not under compulsion to testify. To suggest otherwise would be inconsistent with American legal concepts of fair play and justice.

It is our position that it is the sole responsibility of the FBI and the Department of Justice to take whatever action deemed necessary to limit or prevent Ms. Edmonds from appearing. Ms. Edmonds plans to honor her obligation to appear in accordance with the subpoena and is grateful for the courtesy of permitting the deposition to commence in Washington, D.C. rather than Ohio.

If you believe that the FBI or the Justice Department has any legal basis to halt the deposition or to prevent Ms. Edmonds from testifying, please take whatever action you deem necessary in that regard. The responsibility for doing so is yours not Ms. Edmonds.

Sincerely yours,



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