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To Sunset Review Committee:

I would like for your committee to review a complaint filed during the 2020 Gubernatorial race and documents that we alleged were fraudulent and the lack of investigation from the Texas Ethics Commission. These findings should disturb this committee and prompt additional procedures for handling irregularities of documents. Please review the CTA documents presented 68811-Gilbert and 86096 O'Rourke. The main issue is the logo is forged. If you enlarge the logo on 86096 CTA-O'Rourke form, it becomes pixelated. When you enlarge 68811, it does not pixelate, indicating an authentic document. In addition, you can see the differences of the forms clearly showing that the document that O'Rourke filed or was submitted by the Democratic Party was not authenticated. The Texas Ethics Commission accepted this document and even threatened to sue me if I continued to file complaints.

Based on the evidence presented, here are the key findings that should be considered for the 2024 Sunset Review of the Texas Ethics Commission:

- 1. Document Processing Irregularities:
- Inconsistent handling of CTA filings
- Acceptance of non-standard documentation
- Questions about authenticity verification procedures
- 2. Complaint Resolution Issues:
- Rapid dismissal of complaint SC-32111222 (within 6 days)
- Lack of transparency in complaint SC-32111227's resolution
- No clear documentation of investigation procedures
- 3. Oversight Concerns:
- Potential staff involvement in covering up filing violations

Questions about internal controls for document verification

• Lack of clear audit trail for document submissions

Recommendations for Sunset Commission:

- 1. Review TEC's document authentication procedures
- 2. Assess complaint investigation protocols
- 3. Evaluate internal controls for staff oversight
- 4. Consider implementing digital verification systems
- 5. Review transparency requirements for complaint resolutions

These findings align with the Sunset Review's mandate to evaluate agency effectiveness and accountability. I am willing to discuss these issues at the hearing if possible.