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Mayor Muriel Bowser
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20004

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Dear Mayor Bowser,

On Friday, February 24 the Washington City Paper reported that Sanford Capitol, currently the subject of a suit by the District of Columbia, gave campaign contributions in excess of the legal limit to the 2014 Muriel Bowser for Mayor campaign. The Paper reported that your 2014 campaign Treasurer Ben Soto stated he was unaware of the apparently illegal contribution and according to City Paper did not reply when evidence was offered.

According to Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) public records, it appears that there may be more than 22 similar contributions in excess of the legal limit of \$2,000 made to the 2014 Muriel Bowser for Mayoral campaign. If the reports listed on the OCF website are correct, this amounts to over \$31,500 in funds contributed over the legal limit from both individuals and corporations. A few could possibly be reporting errors, reported on the same day or within a day or two, but many are more than a year apart.

We are requesting an investigation by the Office of Campaign Finance into these apparent violations of the District's campaign finance law. If there was an error in reporting, we would ask that this be documented and the situation clarified in the public record. We are not aware of any action by the Office of Campaign Finance or by your campaign staff to rectify the situation.

We ask that all contributions over the limit be returned as soon as possible and the public record updated to reflect this action. We also ask you to publicly and actively support more rigorous enforcement of the statutes by the Office of Campaign Finance, and support legislation that will strengthen the District's campaign finance system.

Attached is the list of entities and individuals that appear to have exceeded the legal limit in their contributions to your 2014 Muriel Bowser for Mayor campaign. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Aquene Freechild
Campaign Director, Democracy Is For People
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