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Scott Gessler
Secretary of State

Mike Hardin
Business & Licensing Director

October 10, 2011

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Re: Complaint filed by James Tatten

Dear Ms. Coleman:

We have completed our review of the complaint filed by James Tatten against you. Based on the submitted evidence, the complaint is dismissed.

The complaint alleged that you falsely reported a subcontracting relationship with James Tatten in your lobbying disclosure statements from August of 2010 until February of 2011. A lobbyist is required to report all subcontracting for lobbying services.¹ This reporting is only required if a subcontracting agreement exists and any payments received are for lobbying services.² Mr. Tatten disputes a subcontracting arrangement with you to provide lobbying services to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver and provided documentation to support his claim. You have countered that the subcontracting arrangement did exist, and you have also provided documentation to support your assertions.

However, based on the evidence provided, we cannot find a substantial violation of the Colorado lobbyist regulations.³ Therefore as stated above, this complaint is dismissed.

Our office appreciates both parties' cooperation with the complaint. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Mike Hardin
Business & Licensing Director

cc: James Tatten

¹ § 24-6-302 (3)(b), C.R.S. (2010).

² *Id.*

³ 8 C.C.R. 1505-8 Rule 1.4 (2011).