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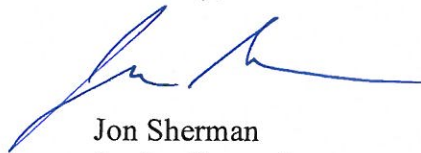
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To the Inspector General:

I write to bring a violation of federal law to your attention. As you know, Christy McCormick currently serves as a Commissioner on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission ("EAC"). Commissioner McCormick was also recently named to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity ("PACEI"), which was established by executive order on May 11, 2017. Serving simultaneously on the EAC and the PACEI violates the federal prohibition on additional employment for EAC Commissioners. 52 U.S.C. § 20923(d)(2) clearly states that: "No member appointed to the Commission under subsection (a) may engage in any other business, vocation, or employment while serving as a member of the Commission and shall terminate or liquidate such business, vocation, or employment before sitting as a member of the Commission." Even though Ms. McCormick's position on the PACEI is uncompensated, she is still employed by the PACEI. In accordance with the federal statute, Ms. McCormick must resign from either her position on the EAC or her position on the PACEI.

Please notify the Fair Elections Legal Network of the Office of Inspector General's receipt of this complaint and the status of its review. It is our hope that Commissioner McCormick will realize her error and will immediately resign from either the EAC or the PACEI, obviating the need for us to take any further action. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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