

FEC Complaint Calls Out AOC's Credit Card Spending Spree



Complaint Illustrates Failure to Disclose Transactions - Violation of Campaign Finance Law

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[Washington, DC] [April 18, 2023] – Government Ethics watchdog, the **Coolidge Reagan Foundation**, announced it has filed a formal Federal Election Commission (FEC) complaint against New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC). The **Complaint, filed by Dan Backer** on behalf of the Foundation, details repeated, blatant violations of federal campaign finance law by AOC and her campaign in **concealed how it spent thousands of dollars** of campaign funds.

Backer and the Coolidge Reagan Foundation have a long history of winning FEC battles, including a \$15,000 fine levied against Bernie Sanders' campaign and an historic 6-figure fine against Hillary for America and the Democratic National Committee for lying about their funding of the Russia hoax.

The **Complaint filed on Monday** states in part, "...On numerous occasions throughout 2022, AOC for Congress reported tens of thousands of dollars of disbursements for card payments and card payment reimbursements to Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez herself; American Express; and an entity called "Veyond!," which appears to have provided virtual reality services and apparently no longer operates under that name. In each case, the reports do not fully disclose the purposes of each payment for which the charge card was used..."

The Complaint describes how campaigns are permitted to use charge cards (or reimburse candidates for use of their personal charge cards) for otherwise permissible campaign-related expenses, however, disclosure reports must accurately identify both the recipient of those funds, as well as each of the campaign-related goods and services purchased.

"Without disclosing her credit card spending spree, it is impossible to determine if AOC is illegally using campaign funds to pay personal expenses," explained Dan Backer. "Not only is the public entitled to that information, but without such disclosure, who knows what AOC and her campaign are hiding?"

"For someone who harangues former President Trump on what amounts to trumped-up campaign finance allegations, it seems AOC should look in the mirror," Backer continued.

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