

January 22, 2019

Re: Complaint Regarding 501(c)(3) Compliance (EI # 27-1553931)

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am an attorney admitted in good standing to the Connecticut Bar since 1989. I studied tax law extensively at UConn Law School (cum laude), and worked as a tax attorney for several years with Coopers & Lybrand (now PriceWaterhouseCoopers).

I am currently the sole announced GOP candidate for Governor in progressive Vermont. As I establish in the documentation attached in support of this Form 13909 Complaint, I have observed (and experienced) for years that Vermont's largest news organization, vtdigger.org (the subject of this complaint, dba), represents itself to be a balanced news resource, but is in fact eminently biased, and essentially a propaganda arm of progressive political actors here. The vast majority of Vermont media exhibit a strong liberal bias, but they do not receive 501(c)(3) benefits.

Vtdigger does not owe me space on its pages. However, vtdigger specifically and repeatedly *represents* that it encourages involvement from all sides to improve debate on important issues. But it *does* the *opposite*, silencing those with whom it disagrees, on the most prominent issues faced by Vermonters. This is undemocratic, fraudulent, and misleading. Since I announced my candidacy, it has undermined me aggressively.

I beseech your Department to swiftly investigate the wealth of incriminating evidence I attach with this submission. I am in the midst of a campaign which is being actively sabotaged by this entity (along with ten fellow declared conservative candidates), in a flagrant violation of federal tax laws. This is a glaring and easily-proved example of an abuse of tax laws and taxpayers, in a partisan effort to subvert the electoral process and the protections of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

All allegations contained herein are supported by additional documentation, which I am pleased to provide at any time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Stoddard Klar, 2020 Republican Candidate for Vermont Governor