

January 09, 2019

Mr. Jason Hannaman
Executive Director
State Police Commission
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70896

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Dear Mr. Hannaman:

Please accept this correspondence as a formal request pursuant to State Police Commission Rule Chapter 16, Investigations. I am requesting the State Police Commission to investigate allegations of violations of law, State Police Commission rules, and the Louisiana Constitution by Classified Members of the Office of State Police acting in their capacity as elected officers of the Louisiana State Troopers Association (LSTA) on behalf of LA TROOPERS CHARITIES.

Specifically, I allege violation of the Louisiana State Constitution Article 10 Section 47(a) and SPC Rules 14.2(a)(1), 14.2(a)(4), and 14.2(a)(8), obtained from public records maintained by the Louisiana Ethics Administration Program Computerized Data Management System. Apparently, a check in the amount of \$800 was paid by LA TROOPERS CHARITIES to ACADIANA STRONG PAC on December 12, 2018, as stated on the Committee's Report filed on January 08, 2019.

Article 10 Section 47(a) provides that, "No member of the commission and no state police officer in the classified service shall participate or engage in political activity...make or solicit contributions for any political activity...make or solicit contributions for any political party, faction, or candidate...except to exercise his right as a citizen to express his opinion privately...and to cast his vote as he desires."

SPC Rule 14.2(a)(1), provides that **no member of the State Police Commission** and no classified member of the State Police Service **"shall participate or engage in political activity, including, but not limited to, any effort to support or oppose the election of a candidate for political office or support or oppose a particular political party in an election."**

Members of the Commission are expressly prohibited from making or soliciting contributions for any political purpose, party, faction, or candidate. SPC Rule 14.2(a)(4).

Members of the Commission are expressly prohibited from participating in political activities **"directly or indirectly"** by paying or promising to pay any assessment, subscription, or contribution for any political party, faction or candidate." SPC Rule 14.2(a)(8).


General Circular No. 191: Guidelines on Prohibited Political Activity for Classified Members of the State Police Service dated April 12, 2018 was issued to remind classified employees of the state police service of the “do’s” and “don’ts” of political activity.

Be a member of a private organization that may, under certain circumstances, endorse a candidate for public office, so long as the primary purpose of the organization is not the support or opposition of candidates, political parties, or factions. However, when the organization does support or oppose a candidate, party, or faction, you may not take an active part in the management of the affairs of the organization—even in matters not related to that support or opposition. General Circular No. 191 (d)

The law, specifically the Louisiana Constitution, Article X, Sec. 47 and State Police Commission Rule 14.2, are both clear: No member of the commission and no state police officer in the classified service shall participate or engage in political activity.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at 337-774-3322.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leon B. Millet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leon “Bucky” Millet