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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0514

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Phil Kerpen  
President  
American Commitment  
1100 G ST. NW, Suite 840  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Kerpen:

I am writing to request a written explanation for the falsified constituent communications received by my office between the dates of March 11, 2015 and March 27, 2015. These communications were sent to my office without consent on behalf of my constituents using their personal information (full name, address, and email). The campaign used language identical to your own organized campaign.<sup>1</sup>

In response to questions on the falsified communications, you issued the following statement: "We're aware that other groups used identical language in their campaigns and we cannot speak to those efforts. We verified our data through postal address verification and follow up phone calls. We stand by our campaign..."<sup>2</sup> Since then, you have indicated to us that these messages were in fact sent by a vendor you used for message delivery to Congress. It has now been more than two months since the first false messages were sent, and while you assured us you would identify the source of the messages, you still have not revealed the sender's identity.

As the head of American Commitment, I call upon you to:

1. Fully disclose the source of these false messages, and the role of American Commitment in this non-consensual campaign.
2. Clarify what steps you will be taking to ensure this does not occur again.
3. Describe what steps you or the entity responsible will take to make amends to those constituents who had their personal information used without their permission.

Thank you for your speedy attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Jackie Speier  
Member of Congress

<sup>1</sup> Romm, Tony. Net neutrality emails raise suspicions. March 31, 2015. <http://www.politico.com/story/2015/03/net-neutrality-email-american-commitment-116553.html>

<sup>2</sup> AMERICAN COMMITMENT ANNOUNCES 1,621,614 LETTERS TO CAPITOL HILL URGING CONGRESS TO STOP OBAMANET. <http://www.americancommitment.org/content/ac-announces-1621614-letters-capitol-hill-urging-congress-stop-obamanet>