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Mr. Frank Calio  
Commissioner of Elections  
111 S. West Street, Suite 10  
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Dear Mr. Calio:

As part of the Committee's ongoing investigation, I write to express concern about the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now's ("ACORN") lobbying and election activities on both a federal and state level. ACORN, which is a nonprofit corporation registered in Arkansas, uses its numerous state chapters to engage in lobbying activities which go unreported to either federal, state or city governments. I believe ACORN has submitted fraudulent filings and failed to abide by the lobbying and election rules set forth by your office.

I am therefore requesting you produce the following on or before November 7, 2009:

1. The statement of registration for ACORN, its affiliates, and any registered lobbyist employed by ACORN or its affiliates in your state.
2. Filings with your office from 2007 to the present for ACORN, its affiliates, and any registered lobbyist employed by ACORN or its affiliates.
3. Periodic lobbying reports indicating all amended filings for ACORN, its affiliates, and any registered lobbyist employed by ACORN or its affiliates from 2007 to the present.
4. All reports filed by the lobbying clients of ACORN, its affiliates, and any registered lobbyist employed by ACORN or its affiliates from 2007 to the present.
5. Investigatory materials, reports and findings, publications relating to litigation, or fines and penalties assessed concerning the election and lobbying activities of ACORN, its affiliates, and any registered lobbyist employed by ACORN or its affiliates.

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6. All correspondence, including electronic communications, between your office and executives, staff or members of ACORN or its affiliates.

For purposes of your response to this letter, ACORN and its affiliates includes but is not limited to: ACORN, Project Vote/Voting for America, Inc., Citizens Consulting Inc. ("CCI"), Citizens Services Inc. ("CSI"), ACORN Housing Corporation ("AHC"), ACORN Community Labor Organizing Center ("ACLOC"), American Institute for Social Justice ("AISJ"), SEIU Local 100, SEIU Local 880, ACORN Institute, ACORN Votes, Communities Voting Together ("CVT"), ACORN Political Action Committee ("APAC"), and the Working Families Party/Association ("WFP").

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Daniel Epstein or Chapin Fay of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Edolphus Towns, Chairman