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Josh Stanfield
Activate Virginia
Yorktown, VA

RE: \$2,500 Senate Contribution from Dominion Energy

Dear Josh,

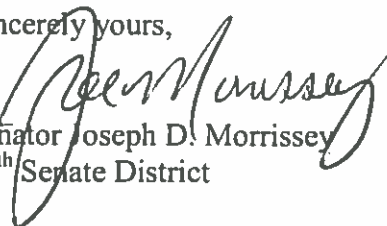
I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and well during these challenging COVID-19 times. I am writing to you in response to your email you sent me regarding Dominion Energy donating \$2,500 to my State Senate campaign in January of 2020. Although I appreciate the sentiments that you expressed, I disagree that I did not follow through with the pledge I signed with Activate Virginia.

Indeed, I pledged that I would not take campaign contributions from Dominion during the recent campaign cycle. This turned out to be true as I took absolutely no donations from public utilities (e.g. Dominion, Verizon, App. Electric Power) during the 2019 Democratic primary and General Election. As to the January 6, 2020 donation in question, the \$2,500 was donated to my campaign when we reached out to the corporate community to gather support for a Petersburg community event. Subsequently, this donation also went on to help with constituent outreach. As you may know through your directorship of a grassroots organization, constituent outreach is **essential** to any elected official's success.

Also, I would like to point out that my track record is well established in that nobody buys or controls Joe Morrissey. I took this staunch position while I served in the House of Delegates and I will continue to hold fast as I serve in the Senate. The proof is shown through my votes on HB 528, SB 851/HB 1526, SB 998, and SB 860. Additionally, I was one of only two Senators who was a co-patron for HB 77... I know you are familiar with HB 77. Honestly Josh, I find it disingenuous that you would contact me regarding the Dominion Energy contribution, yet you fail to mention any of the clean energy initiatives that I fought so tirelessly for and helped pass *after* I received the \$2,500 contribution from Dominion.

Finally, thank you for reaching out to my Senate office. Keep up your efforts to lobby for a "clean Virginia."

Sincerely yours,


Senator Joseph D. Morrissey
16th Senate District