

March 2, 2010

Via Electronic Mail

Peter D. Leary, Esquire
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch
20 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Leary,

In response to your letter dated February 26, filed with the Court yesterday, I have been authorized by ACORN to state the following:

1. Plaintiff ACORN, which is a national organization, has not dissolved, has no plans to dissolve, and intends to continue operating as a national organization serving poor and working people.
2. As the supplemental affidavit of Bertha Lewis filed in conjunction with plaintiffs' motion for injunctive and declaratory relief states, in large part because of the Congressional actions at issue here, a number of local ACORN organizations in various cities have been forced to totally shut down their operations and dissolve. See Lewis affidavit para. 2.
3. The news report that you append to your letter is accurate to the extent that it reports that other local ACORN organizations such as New York ACORN have been forced by recent events, (particularly by the funding difficulties brought about in significant part by the Congressional ban at issue here), to dissolve their affiliation with ACORN. Some of the organizers involved with those local organizations have formed new organizations to continue their work with poor and working people.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jules Lobel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jules Lobel, Counsel for Plaintiffs

cc: Judge Nina Gershon
United States District Court
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201