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RNLA Files Supplement to Complaint Against DNC Chair

Footage Misused in More Ads Since Filing of Original Complaint

Washington, D.C. – The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) has requested that the Office of Congressional Ethics investigate whether footage was improperly used in television ads by Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, acting as Chair of the Democratic National Committee. The RNLA has submitted an amended complaint that covers Spanish-language ads.

On September 19 when the RNLA submitted its original complaint, Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Rep. Wasserman-Schultz issued a press release statement announcing new ads in Spanish for Denver, Tampa, Miami, and Las Vegas.

House of Representatives Ethics Rule 5 clearly states that live broadcast recordings in the House chamber “may not be used for any political purpose.” The ads use video footage of President Obama’s address to a joint session of Congress on September 8, 2011.

The ads are purely political. The television ads are named “14 Months” to indicate the time left until the 2012 presidential election. Ads are broadcast in key swing states, such as Ohio, Iowa, Florida, Nevada, Colorado, North Carolina and Virginia.

David Norcross, chair of the Republican National Lawyers Association, said, “The Obama administration, the DNC and the Democrat leadership in the House believe in rules only as they apply to others. At a time when the president and the House Minority Leader repeatedly plead for bi-partisanship they spare no effort to be confrontational wherever and whenever possible. They certainly don’t let House Rules stand in their way.”

To read the RNLA amended complaint to the Office of Congressional Ethics, [click here](#).

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