

# Tax-Exempt Organization Complaint (Referral) Form

1. NAME OF REFERRED ORGANIZATION: Project Veritas

Street Address: 2100 M St., Ste. 170-241

City/State/Zip Code: Washington, DC 20037-1233

Date of Referral: 5 December 2010

2. ORGANIZATION'S EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): Unknown

3. NATURE OF VIOLATION:

- Directors/officers/persons are using income/assets for personal gain
- Organization is engaged in commercial, for-profit business activities
- Income/assets are being used to support illegal or terrorist activities
- Organization is involved in a political campaign
- Organization is engaged in excessive lobbying activities
- Organization refused to disclose or provide a copy of Form 990
- Organization failed to report employment, income, or excise tax liability properly
- Organization failed to file required federal tax returns and forms
- Organization engaged in deceptive or improper fundraising practices
- Other (describe): Project Veritas claims to be a 501(c)(3) organization, but it is not listed in IRS Publication 78 or various state charity lists. Project Veritas has not responded to numerous written requests for copies of Form 990 filings and other documentation that a 501(c)(3) is required to produce upon request. As a result, Project Veritas appears either to be in violation of IRS regulations on nonprofit disclosures, such as 26 CFR 6104, or to be falsely claiming 501(c)(3) status. (See attached for documentation.)

4. DETAILS OF VIOLATION:

Name(s) of Person(s) Involved: James O'Keefe

Organizational Title(s): Founder

Date(s): 10/1/2010 - present

Dollar Amount(s) (if known): n/a

Description of activities: Failure to disclose form 990 and other documentation required of nonprofits, presuming that Project Veritas is, in fact, 501(c)(3) as claimed.

5. SUBMITTER INFORMATION:

Name: Charles Seife

Occupation or Business: Associate Professor, Journalism

Street Address: 20 Cooper Square, #628

City/State/Zip Code: New York, NY 10012

Telephone: 212 998 7894

I am concerned that I might face retaliation or retribution if my identity is disclosed.

6. SUBMISSION AND DOCUMENTATION: The completed form, along with any supporting documentation, may be mailed to IRS EO Classification, Mail Code 4910DAL, 1100 Commerce Street Dallas, TX 75242-1198, faxed to 214-413-5415 or emailed to [eoclass@irs.gov](mailto:eoclass@irs.gov).

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## TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION COMPLAINT (REFERRAL) INSTRUCTIONS

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### General Information

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The information provided on this form will help the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) determine if there has been a violation of federal tax law. Submission of this form is voluntary.

Upon receipt of this form, the IRS will send you a letter acknowledging receipt of the information you submitted. If at a later date you wish to submit additional information regarding the organization, please attach a copy of the form initially submitted, and send it to the address shown above.

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### Specific Instructions

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1. **ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS:** Provide the current name and address of the organization. If the organization has used prior or multiple name(s) or address(es), also provide that information.
2. **EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** Provide the organization's employer identification number (EIN). The EIN is a nine-digit number, issued by the IRS, that the organization uses for tax purposes (like a Social Security Number (SSN) for an individual). If the EIN is unavailable, include a state nonprofit corporation registration number, if available.
3. **NATURE OF VIOLATION:** Mark the description that describes the organization's alleged violation. More than one line may apply. If none of the descriptions appear to apply, briefly state the issue on the Other line.
4. **DETAILS OF THE VIOLATION:** Provide specific details of the alleged violation including names, actions, places, amounts, dates, and the nature of any evidence or documentation (who, what, where, when, how). Include the names of other organizations, entities, or persons that may be involved with the organization, providing EINs or SSNs, if available.
5. **YOUR INFORMATION:** Provide your name, address, and business or occupation. Include your daytime telephone number, in case we wish to contact you. The acknowledgement letter will be sent to the address you provide.

If you are concerned that you may face retribution if your identity is disclosed, check the appropriate box. You may enter "Anonymous" for Submitter's Name if you do not want to be identified.

6. **SUBMISSION AND DOCUMENTATION:** Mail the completed form, including any supporting documentation that you would like for us to review, to the address provided on the form. You may also fax or email the completed form and any supporting documentation to the fax number and email address provided on the form. Include a cover letter describing the documentation or evidence you are providing. If you have already received an acknowledgment letter, include a copy of that letter. If possible, please try to submit all documentation at the same time.

If your referral relates to a church please be aware that Congress has imposed special limitations, found in IRC section 7611, on how and when the IRS may conduct civil tax inquiries and examinations of churches. You can find out more about these special limitations in Pub. 1828, Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations, in the section on Special Rules Limiting IRS Authority to Audit a Church.

7. **CLAIM FOR REWARD:** To claim a reward for providing this information to the IRS, file Form 211, Application for Reward for Original Information.
  8. **NOTE:** Federal law prohibits the IRS from providing you with status updates or information about specific actions taken in response to the information you submit.
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