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Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: RR 23L-15 Straight Talk Politics PAC

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am responding on behalf of Straight Talk Politics PAC and Wesley Smith, in his official capacity as treasurer, to the Commission's May 3, 2023 referral letter RR 23L-15.

For the reasons discussed below, we respectfully request that the Office of General Counsel recommend that no further action be taken in this matter or, in the alternative, that this matter be referred to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Division for further proceedings.

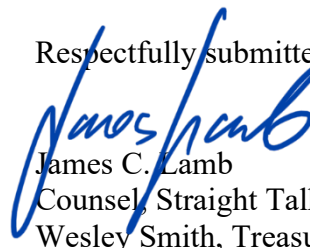
The only issue in this matter is the inadvertent failure to file one of the five 24-hour reports for independent expenditures made by Straight Talk Politics PAC in the 2022 election cycle. On October 25, 2022, the PAC made an independent expenditure communication opposing then-candidate JD Vance. When the PAC discovered that this one 24-hour report had not been filed, it immediately remedied the matter by filing the report on November 28, 2022. During this time period in the cycle, the PAC made four other independent expenditures that were filed within 24-hours of the dissemination of the communications.

To ensure that this oversight would not occur again, the PAC proactively implemented new policies and procedures in November 2022.

Straight Talk Politics PAC is a new committee, formed in 2020, it has a stellar record with respect to disclosure, other than this single oversight, and the PAC takes these responsibilities very seriously.

For these reasons, the Commission should either determine to take no further action for this one-time oversight, or, in the alternative, refer this matter to its Alternative Dispute Resolution Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Wesley Smith, Treasurer