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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2018 12 Day Pre-General Report
(Unauthorized Committees – Monthly Filers) for the Administrative Fine
Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file or timely file the 2018 12 Day Pre-General Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The 12 Day Pre-General Report was due on October 25, 2018 and the General Election was held on November 6, 2018. The list is comprised of unauthorized committees that file monthly.

The committees listed on the attached RTB Circulation Report either filed the election sensitive report after the due date or failed to file the report prior to four (4) days before the General Election (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties at 11 CFR 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

Recommendation

1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
2. Send the appropriate letters.

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Federal Election Commission
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2018 PRE-GENERAL Election Sensitive 10/25/2018 UNAUTH_M

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
3548	C00143560	ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE		PAUL A. MIFSUD	\$438,772	0	10/31/2018	6	\$1,277	\$144
3549	C00418269	AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BARGE LINE PAC		DOUGLAS BROWN	\$278,562	0	11/14/2018	Not Filed*	\$9,097	\$800
3550	C00423228	AMERICAN GASTROENTEROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION INC. PAC		FRANCIS M. GIARDIELLO	\$302,452	0	10/31/2018	6	\$3,650	\$144
3551	C00682211	COMMON PURPOSE		DAVID DOMKE	\$175,456	0	11/25/2018	Not Filed*	\$45,491	\$1,866
3552	C00147231	CROWLEY MARITIME CORPORATION FEDERAL PAC		DANIEL L. WARNER	\$376,448	0	11/5/2018	Not Filed*	\$9,061	\$800
3553	C00388934	FUND FOR AMERICAS FUTURE		THAD H. WESTBROOK	\$996,576	0	11/16/2018	Not Filed*	\$35,857	\$1,866
3554	C00482372	LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF FLORIDA		JAMES CHARLES MORRIS	\$136,879	0	12/6/2018	Not Filed*	\$14,690	\$1,200
3555	C00389916	LOUISIANA RICE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.		PHILIP BERTRAND	\$152,992	0	11/15/2018	Not Filed*	\$15,500	\$1,200
3556	C00219444	NATIONAL STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS TRADE ASSOCIATION PAC		ERIC VAUGHN	\$330,970	0	11/14/2018	Not Filed*	\$16,434	\$1,200
3557	C00190934	OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY		RACHAEL HUNSUCKER	\$1,697,275	0	11/13/2018	Not Filed*	\$120,661	\$7,088
3558	C00040741	UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA COPE		MICHAEL COLEMAN	\$478,769	0	10/31/2018	6	\$61,239	\$1,280

* The committee did not file their report prior to four (4) days before the general election; therefore, per 11 C.F.R. 111.43(e), the report is considered to be not filed.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2018	)	
12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized	)	
Committees - Monthly Filers) for the	)	
Administrative Fine Program:	)	
ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND	)	AF# 3548
DIETETICS POLITICAL ACTION	)	
COMMITTEE, and MIFSUD, PAUL A. as	)	
treasurer;	)	
AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BARGE	)	AF# 3549
LINE PAC, and BROWN, DOUGLAS as	)	
treasurer;	)	
AMERICAN	)	AF# 3550
GASTROENTEROLOGICAL	)	
ASSOCIATION INC. PAC, and	)	
GIARDIELLO, FRANCIS M. MD as	)	
treasurer;	)	
COMMON PURPOSE, and DOMKE,	)	AF# 3551
DAVID as treasurer;	)	
CROWLEY MARITIME CORPORATION	)	AF# 3552
FEDERAL PAC, and WARNER, DANIEL	)	
L. MR. as treasurer;	)	
FUND FOR AMERICAS FUTURE, and	)	AF# 3553
WESTBROOK, THAD H. as treasurer;	)	
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF FLORIDA,	)	AF# 3554
and MORRIS, JAMES CHARLES as	)	
treasurer;	)	
LOUISIANA RICE POLITICAL ACTION	)	AF# 3555
COMMITTEE, INC., and BERTRAND,	)	
PHILIP as treasurer;	)	
NATIONAL STRUCTURED	)	AF# 3556
SETTLEMENTS TRADE ASSOCIATION	)	
PAC, and VAUGHN, ERIC as treasurer;	)	
OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY,	)	AF# 3557
and HUNSUCKER, RACHAEL as	)	
treasurer;	)	
UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF	)	AF# 3558
AMERICA COPE, and COLEMAN,		
MICHAEL as treasurer;		

CERTIFICATION

I, Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on December 12, 2018 the Commission took the following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2018 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized Committees - Monthly Filers) for the Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated December 10, 2018, on the following committees:

AF#3548 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MIFSUD, PAUL A. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3549 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BARGE LINE PAC, and BROWN, DOUGLAS in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3550 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN GASTROENTEROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION INC. PAC, and GIARDIELLO, FRANCIS M. MD in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3551 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMON PURPOSE, and DOMKE, DAVID in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3552 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CROWLEY MARITIME CORPORATION FEDERAL PAC, and WARNER, DANIEL L. MR. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3553 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FUND FOR AMERICAS FUTURE, and WESTBROOK, THAD H. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3554 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF FLORIDA, and MORRIS, JAMES CHARLES in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3555 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LOUISIANA RICE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC., and BERTRAND, PHILIP in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3556 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS TRADE ASSOCIATION PAC, and VAUGHN, ERIC in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3557 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, and HUNSUCKER, RACHAEL in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#3558 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA COPE, and COLEMAN, MICHAEL in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

December 12, 2018
Date

Dayna C. Brown
Dayna C. Brown
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 13, 2018

Philip Bertrand, in official capacity as Treasurer
Louisiana Rice Political Action Committee, Inc.
P.O. Box 1691
Lake Charles, LA 70602

C00389916
AF#: 3555

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 12 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements in a calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election. This report, covering the period October 1, 2018 through October 17, 2018 shall be filed no later than October 25, 2018. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Because records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that you did not file this report prior to four (4) days before the General Election held on November 6, 2018, the report is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4). On December 12, 2018, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Louisiana Rice Political Action Committee, Inc. and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before October 25, 2018. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$1,200. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-111.46. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$1,200 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by January 21, 2019, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$15,500

Number of Days Late: Not Filed (reports not filed prior to four (4) days before the General Election held on November 6, 2018 are considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the penalty)

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 1050 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or January 21, 2019. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. *Id.* Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Louisiana Rice Political Action Committee, Inc. and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.* The FEC may take any and all appropriate

action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

5. Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Aimee Wechsler in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,



Caroline C. Hunter
Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$1,200 for the 2018 Pre-General Report.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission
P.O. Box 979058
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox
FEC #979058
1005 Convention Plaza
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Louisiana Rice Political Action Committee, Inc.

FEC ID#: C00389916

AF#: 3555

PAYMENT DUE DATE: January 21, 2019

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$1,200

RECEIVED

By Office of the Commission Secretary at 9:14 am, Jun 08, 2020



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

SENSITIVE

June 5, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona *DC*
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY: Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly *KDR BH*
Reports Analysis Division
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Withdrawal and Resubmission of Final Determination Recommendation for the 2018 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized Committees – Monthly Filers) for the Administrative Fine Program

We are withdrawing the document circulated to the Commission on October 1, 2019 in order to reflect updates disclosed in filings received by the Commission after the initial submission of this recommendation. On October 30, 2019, the Oklahoma Democratic Party (AF 3557) filed an Amended 2018 12 Day Pre-General Report that disclosed a level of activity lower than previously disclosed. The circulation chart has been updated to reflect the level of activity disclosed on the most recent filing.

Attached are two lists of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2018 12 Day Pre-General Report. The first list represents the committees that have paid the civil money penalty and the second list represents a committee that has not paid the civil money penalty. The committee that has not paid have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34 and 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have either paid or not paid the civil money penalty.

For your information, one (1) committee disclosed a change in treasurer after the RTB finding. An overview of these cases has been provided below.

Libertarian Party of Florida (AF 3554) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding designating John Olivadoti as Treasurer.

RAD Recommendation

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (2) Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
FD Circulation Report Fine Paid
2018 PRE-GENERAL Election Sensitive 10/25/2018 UNAUTH_M

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	PV	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Final Money Penalty	Date Paid	Amount Paid
3548	ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE		C00143560	PAUL A. MIFSUD	10/31/2018	6	\$1,277	0	12/12/2018	\$144	\$144	12/31/2018	\$144
3549	AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BARGE LINE PAC		C00418269	DOUGLAS BROWN	11/14/2018	Not Filed*	\$9,097	0	12/12/2018	\$800	\$800	01/22/2019	\$800
3550	AMERICAN GASTROENTEROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION INC. PAC		C00423228	FRANCIS M. GIARDIELLO	10/31/2018	6	\$3,650	0	12/12/2018	\$144	\$144	01/14/2019	\$144
3551	COMMON PURPOSE		C00682211	DAVID DOMKE	11/25/2018	Not Filed*	\$45,491	0	12/12/2018	\$1,866	\$1,866	12/26/2018	\$1,866
3553	FUND FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE		C00388934	THAD H. WESTBROOK	11/16/2018	Not Filed*	\$35,857	0	12/12/2018	\$1,866	\$1,866	01/23/2019	\$1,866
3555	LOUISIANA RICE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.		C00389916	PHILIP BERTRAND	11/15/2018	Not Filed*	\$15,500	0	12/12/2018	\$1,200	\$1,200	01/15/2019	\$1,200
3556	NATIONAL STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS TRADE ASSOCIATION PAC		C00219444	ERIC VAUGHN	11/14/2018	Not Filed*	\$16,434	0	12/12/2018	\$1,200	\$1,200	02/12/2019	\$1,200
3558	UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA COPE		C00040741	MICHAEL COLEMAN	10/31/2018	6	\$61,239	0	12/12/2018	\$1,280	\$1,280	12/31/2018	\$1,280

* The committee did not file their report prior to four (4) days before the general election; therefore, per 11 C.F.R. 111.43(e), the report is considered to be not filed.

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2018 PRE-GENERAL Election Sensitive 10/25/2018 UNAUTH_M

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	PV	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Days Since RTB	FD Penalty
3554	LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF FLORIDA		C00482372	JOHN OLIVADOTI	12/06/2018	Not Filed*	\$14,690	0	12/12/2018	\$1,200	541	\$1,200
3557	OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY		C00190934	RACHAEL HUNSUCKER	11/13/2018	Not Filed*	\$114,331	0	12/12/2018	\$7,088	541	\$7,088

* The committee did not file their report prior to four (4) days before the general election; therefore, per 11 C.F.R. 111.43(e), the report is considered to be not filed.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Determination Recommendation for the	)	
2018 12 Day Pre-General Report	)	
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Filers) for the Administrative Fine Program:	)	
ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND	)	AF# 3548
DIETETICS POLITICAL ACTION	)	
COMMITTEE, and MIFSUD, PAUL A. as	)	
treasurer;	)	
AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BARGE	)	AF# 3549
LINE PAC, and BROWN, DOUGLAS as	)	
treasurer;	)	
AMERICAN	)	AF# 3550
GASTROENTEROLOGICAL	)	
ASSOCIATION INC. PAC, and	)	
GIARDIELLO, FRANCIS M. MD as	)	
treasurer;	)	
COMMON PURPOSE, and DOMKE,	)	AF# 3551
DAVID as treasurer;	)	
FUND FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE, and	)	AF# 3553
WESTBROOK, THAD H. as treasurer;	)	
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF FLORIDA,	)	AF# 3554
and OLIVADOTI, JOHN as treasurer;	)	
LOUISIANA RICE POLITICAL ACTION	)	AF# 3555
COMMITTEE, INC., and BERTRAND,	)	
PHILIP as treasurer;	)	
NATIONAL STRUCTURED	)	AF# 3556
SETTLEMENTS TRADE ASSOCIATION	)	
PAC, and VAUGHN, ERIC as treasurer;	)	
OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY,	)	AF# 3557
and HUNSUCKER, RACHAEL as	)	
treasurer;	)	
UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF	)	AF# 3558
AMERICA COPE, and COLEMAN,	)	
MICHAEL as treasurer;	)	

Federal Election Commission
Certification for Withdrawal and
Resubmission of Final Determination
Recommendation for the 2018 12 Day Pre-
General Report (Unauthorized Committees
- Monthly Filers) for the Administrative
Fine Program
June 29, 2020

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CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 29, 2020 the Commission took the following actions on the Withdrawal and Resubmission of Final Determination Recommendation for the 2018 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized Committees - Monthly Filers) for the Administrative Fine Program, as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated June 05, 2020, on the following committees:

AF#3548 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MIFSUD, PAUL A. in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3549 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BARGE LINE PAC, and BROWN, DOUGLAS in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3550 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that AMERICAN GASTROENTEROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION INC. PAC, and GIARDIELLO, FRANCIS M. MD in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#3551 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that COMMON PURPOSE, and DOMKE, DAVID in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3553 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that FUND FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE, and WESTBROOK, THAD H. in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3554 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF FLORIDA, and OLIVADOTI, JOHN in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3555 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that LOUISIANA RICE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, INC., and BERTRAND, PHILIP in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3556 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that NATIONAL STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS TRADE ASSOCIATION PAC, and VAUGHN, ERIC in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3557 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, and HUNSUCKER, RACHAEL in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3558 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) make a final determination that UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA COPE, and COLEMAN, MICHAEL in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money

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penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Hunter, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.



Attest:

Laura
Sinram

Laura E. Sinram
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the
Commission

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July 31, 2020

Philip Bertrand, in official capacity as Treasurer
Louisiana Rice Political Action Committee, Inc.
P.O. Box 1691
Lake Charles, LA 70602

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AF#: 3555

Dear Mr. Bertrand,

On December 12, 2018, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Louisiana Rice Political Action Committee, Inc. and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2018 Pre-General Report. By letter dated December 13, 2018, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage totaling \$1,200 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43.

On January 15, 2019, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on June 29, 2020 that Louisiana Rice Political Action Committee, Inc. and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$1,200 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jacqueline Gausepohl on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.E. Trainor, III". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "J" and "E".

James E. "Trey" Trainor III
Chair

THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE #3555