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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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April 16, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP by MAH*
Staff Director

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

Debbie Chacona *DC*
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

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

SUBJECT: Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2019 February Monthly Report for the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2019 February Monthly Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The February Monthly Report was due on February 20, 2019.

The committees listed on the attached RTB Circulation Report failed to file the report. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports 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
2019 FEBRUARY MONTHLY Not Election Sensitive 02/20/2019 P_UNAUTH

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
3722	C00550970	EQUALITY PAC		JENNIFER MAY	\$480,283	0		Not Filed	\$480,283 (est)	\$13,806
3723	C00617381	THE COLLECTIVE PAC		JENNIFER MAY	\$159,025	0		Not Filed	\$159,025 (est)	\$7,994
3724	C00592808	THE COLLECTIVE SUPER PAC		JENNIFER MAY	\$317,903	0		Not Filed	\$317,903 (est)	\$11,627
3725	C00612846	THE DEMOCRATIC COALITION		OFFICE OF TREASURER	\$116,385	0		Not Filed	\$116,385 (est)	\$6,541

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) AF 3725
 Reason To Believe Recommendation -)
 2019 February Monthly Report for the)
 Administrative Fine Program: The)
 Democratic Coalition and Office of)
 Treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election
 Commission, do hereby certify that on April 18, 2019, the Commission decided
 by a vote of 4-0 to take the following actions in AF 3725:

1. Find reason to believe that The Democratic Coalition and Office of
 Treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary
 determination that the civil money penalty would be in the amount
 of \$6,541.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted
 affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

April 18, 2019
 Date

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



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

AF

April 18, 2019

Office of Treasurer, in official capacity as Treasurer
The Democratic Coalition
1207 Willow Ave., #16
Hoboken, NJ 07030

Response Due Date

05/28/2019

C00612846

AF#: 3725

Dear Office of Treasurer

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a February Monthly Report of Receipts and Disbursements covering the period January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019. This report shall be filed no later than February 20, 2019. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Because records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that you did not file this report within thirty (30) days of the due date, the report is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

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. § 30109g(a)(4). On April 18, 2019, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that The Democratic Coalition 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 February 20, 2019. 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 \$6,541. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-111.55. 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 \$6,541 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by May 28, 2019, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$116,385

Number of Days Late: Not Filed

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

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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 May 28, 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.

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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 The Democratic Coalition 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).

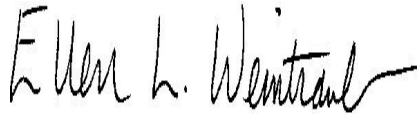
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until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

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 Ben Holly 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. 1158) or (202) 694-1158.

Sincerely,



Ellen Weintraub
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 \$6,541 for the February Monthly 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

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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: The Democratic Coalition

FEC ID#: C00612846

AF#: 3725

PAYMENT DUE DATE: May 28, 2019

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$6,541



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 3, 2019

MEMORANDUM

SENSITIVE

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

SUBJECT: Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the
2019 February Monthly Report

Attached is a list identifying 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 2019 February Monthly Report. The committees have not paid the civil money penalties requested at RTB and have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

For your information, four (4) committees disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty. An overview of these cases has been provided below.

Equality PAC (AF 3722) filed the 2019 February Monthly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$177,658 (previously estimated to be \$480,283), thus the fine would be lowered from \$13,806 to \$7,994.

The Collective PAC (AF 3723) filed the 2019 February Monthly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of

\$27,046 (previously estimated to be \$159,025), thus the fine would be lowered from \$7,994 to \$1,230.

The Collective Super PAC (AF 3724) filed the 2019 February Monthly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$41 (previously estimated to be \$317,903), thus the fine would be lowered from \$11,627 to \$41.

The Democratic Coalition (AF 3725) filed the 2019 February Monthly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$56,857 (previously estimated to be \$116,385), thus the fine would be lowered from \$6,541 to \$3,925.

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

The Democratic Coalition (AF 3725) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding designating Scott Dworkin as Treasurer.

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 not paid the civil money penalty.

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 Not Paid
2019 M2 Not Election Sensitive 02/20/2019

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	PV	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Days Since RTB	FD Penalty
3722	EQUALITY PAC		C00550970	JENNIFER MAY	05/02/2019	Not Filed*	\$177,658	0	04/18/2019	\$13,806	228	\$7,994
3723	THE COLLECTIVE PAC		C00617381	JENNIFER MAY	05/06/2019	Not Filed*	\$27,046	0	04/18/2019	\$7,994	228	\$1,230
3724	THE COLLECTIVE SUPER PAC		C00592808	JENNIFER MAY	05/01/2019	Not Filed*	\$41	0	04/18/2019	\$11,627	228	\$41
3725	THE DEMOCRATIC COALITION		C00612846	SCOTT DWORKIN	05/06/2019	Not Filed*	\$56,857	0	04/18/2019	\$6,541	228	\$3,925

* The committee filed their report more than thirty (30) days after the report due date; 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)
) AF 3725
 Administrative Fine Program - Final)
 Determination Recommendation for the)
 2019 February Monthly Report: The)
 Democratic Coalition and Scott Dworkin)
 in his official capacity as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 29, 2020, the Commission decided by a vote of 4-0 to take the following actions in AF 3725:

1. Make a final determination that The Democratic Coalition and Scott Dworkin in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty in the amount of \$3,925.
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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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 3, 2020

Scott Dworkin, in official capacity as Treasurer
The Democratic Coalition
P.O. Box 80294
Washington, DC 20018

C00612846

AF#: 3725

Dear Mr. Dworkin,

On April 18, 2019, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that The Democratic Coalition and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2019 February Monthly Report. By letter dated April 19, 2019, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the preliminary civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage to be \$6,541 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43. Within forty (40) days of the FEC's RTB finding, you were required to either transmit payment of the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response challenging either the RTB finding or the calculated civil money penalty.

The FEC did not receive payment of the calculated civil money penalty or a written response within the time permitted. Since that time, the amount of the civil money penalty has been changed to reflect the actual level of activity of the February Monthly Report. The FEC made a final determination on June 29, 2020 that The Democratic Coalition and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$3,925 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43. The civil money penalty is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$56,857

Number of Days Late: Not Filed (reports not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date are considered not filed for the purposes 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 Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you should submit a written petition, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, to the U.S. District Court for the

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district in which the committee or you reside, or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(C)(iii). Your failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of the respondents' right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Appeal

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 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. If you do not pay this debt within thirty (30) days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within five (5) days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact you to request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 30% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. If the age of the debt is greater than or equal to two years old, Treasury will charge a fee of 32% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

Actions which may be taken to enforce recovery of a delinquent debt by Treasury may also include: (1) offset of any payments, which the debtor is due, including tax refunds and salary; (2) referral of the debt to agency counsel for litigation; (3) reporting of the debt to a credit bureau; (4) administrative wage garnishment; and (5) reporting of the debt, if discharged, to the IRS as potential taxable income. In addition, under the provisions of DCIA and other statutes applicable to the FEC, the debtor may be subject to the assessment of other statutory interest, penalties, and administrative costs.

In accordance with the DCIA, at your request, the agency will offer you the opportunity to inspect and copy records relating to the debt, the opportunity for a review of the debt, and the opportunity to enter into a written repayment agreement.

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. You should make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

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4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assessed 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 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 assessed 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.

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 the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Jamie Sikorsky at Federal Election Commission, 1050 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20002, or our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt, press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



James E. "Trey" Trainor III
Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$3,925 for the 2019 February Monthly Report. The payment is due within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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

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collections. Visit www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form. Please use the details below to complete the required fields. For additional payment options, please contact Jamie Sikorsky in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

COMMITTEE NAME: The Democratic Coalition

FEC ID#: C00612846

AF#: 3725

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$3,925

THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE #3725