



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 7, 2021

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: *KDR BH*
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SUBJECT: Withdrawal and Resubmission of Reason To Believe Recommendation –
2020 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (Arizona and Michigan) for the
Administrative Fine Program

We are withdrawing the document circulated to the Commission on September 16, 2020 in order to reflect updates disclosed in filings received by the Commission after the initial submission of this recommendation. An overview of these updates has been provided below.

On November 16, 2020, Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress (AF 3913) filed a 2020 October Quarterly Report (which covers the 2020 12 Day Pre-Primary reporting period) that disclosed a level of activity lower than previously estimated. The circulation report has been revised to reflect the updated level of activity and resulting civil money penalty for AF 3913.

An explanation of the civil money penalty calculation for AF 3913 is as follows: The committee was required to file a 2020 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (12P) covering July 1, 2020 through July 15, 2020 (15 days). On November 16, 2020, the committee filed a 2020 October Quarterly Report covering July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 (92 days). We utilized a

three-step method to arrive at the activity on which to base the 12P fine amount. First, we took the sum of all itemized receipts and disbursements that should have been disclosed on a 12P. Second, if the committee had any unitemized activity, a per diem level of this activity was calculated by multiplying the total amount of unitemized activity on the report by 16.30% (15 days (12P Filing Period)/92 days (Q3 Filing Period)). Third, we took the sum of the amounts calculated in steps one and two to arrive at the level of activity assigned to the 12P.

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to timely file the 2020 12 Day Pre-Primary Report for the Arizona and Michigan Primary Elections in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The 12 Day Pre-Primary Report was due on July 23, 2020 and the Primary Election was held on August 4, 2020.

The committees listed on the attached RTB Circulation Report failed to file the election sensitive report by the required due date. Election sensitive reports filed more than four days prior to the election are considered late, and reports not filed more than four days prior to the election are considered not filed. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 CFR § 111.43, the 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.

Federal Election Commission
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2020 PRE-PRIMARY Election Sensitive 07/23/2020 AUTH (AZ, MI)

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
3913	C00715748	FRIENDS OF BOB OLSEN 4 CONGRESS	ROBERT OLSEN	LINDA OLSEN	\$130,251	0	11/16/2020	Not Filed*	\$478 (est)	\$478

* The committee did not file their report prior to four (4) days before the primary 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)
)
 Withdrawal and Resubmission of Reason)
 To Believe Recommendation - 2020 12 Day)
 Pre-Primary Report (Arizona and Michigan))
 for the Administrative Fine Program:)

FRIENDS OF BOB OLSEN 4) AF# 3913
 CONGRESS, and OLSEN, LINDA as)
 treasurer;)

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on January 08, 2021 the Commission took the following actions on the Withdrawal and Resubmission of Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2020 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (Arizona and Michigan) for the Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated January 07, 2021, on the following committees:

AF#3913 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FRIENDS OF BOB OLSEN 4 CONGRESS, and OLSEN, LINDA 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.

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Certification for Administrative Fines
January 08, 2021

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Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.



January 20, 2021

Date

Attest:

Laura
Sinram

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Laura E. Sinram
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the
Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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January 25, 2021

Linda Olsen, in official capacity as Treasurer
Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress
14955 W Bell Rd.
P.O. Box 9367
Surprise, AZ 85374

C00715748
AF#: 3913

Dear Ms. Olsen,

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 12 Day Pre-Primary Report of Receipts and Disbursements in any calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election for which the candidate is seeking election or nomination for election. This report, covering the period July 1, 2020 through July 15, 2020, shall be filed no later than July 23, 2020. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Because records at the Commission indicate that you did not file this report prior to four (4) days before the election, the report is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty. You should file the 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 January 8, 2021, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress 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 July 23, 2020. 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 \$478. 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 <https://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml> 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$478 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by February 17, 2021, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$478

Number of Days Late: Not Filed (reports not filed prior to four (4) days before the Primary Election held on August 4, 2020 are considered not filed for the purpose of

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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. 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 February 17, 2021. 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).

Please note, on June 18, 2020, the Federal Election Commission began the initial phase (Phase I) of its return to normal operations. At this stage, the agency's offices will remain closed to visitors and most of its employees will continue to telework in an effort to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Commission is processing some documents submitted by mail, though processing will not occur daily until the agency resumes normal mail operations. Nevertheless, a challenge to an RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty must be received on time. Thus, all written responses and supporting documentation should be converted to PDF (Portable Document Format) and must be emailed to administrativefines@fec.gov. The Commission encourages the use of electronic signatures on electronically submitted documents, but scanned copies of ink signatures will be accepted. Electronically submitted challenges will be deemed received on the date it is electronically received by staff.

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). 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;

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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 Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress 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.

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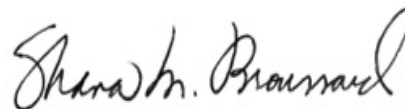
5. Settlement Offers

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 <https://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Jacqueline Gausepohl 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.

On behalf of the Commission,



Shana M. Broussard
Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE 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 \$478 for the Pre-Primary Report.

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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. Please use the details below to complete the required fields. For additional payment options, please contact Jacqueline Gausepohl in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

COMMITTEE NAME: Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress

FEC ID#: C00715748

AF#: 3913

PAYMENT DUE DATE: February 17, 2021

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$478

RECEIVED

By Office of the Commission Secretary at 1:20 pm, Jun 07, 2021

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463**SENSITIVE**

June 7, 2021

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 *KDR*/Ben Holly *BH*
Reports Analysis Division
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the
2020 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (Arizona)

Attached is a list identifying a political committee and its treasurer against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed a proposed civil money penalty calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2020 12 Day Pre-Primary Report. The committee has paid the civil money penalty requested at RTB.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to the respondent that has paid the civil money penalty.

RAD Recommendation

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committee and its treasurer, in her official capacity, listed on the attached report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated.
- (2) Send the appropriate letter.

Federal Election Commission
FD Circulation Report Fine Paid
2020 PRE-PRIMARY Election Sensitive 07/23/2020 AUTH (AZ)

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
3913	FRIENDS OF BOB OLSEN 4 CONGRESS	ROBERT OLSEN	C00715748	LINDA OLSEN	11/16/2020	*Not Filed	\$478	0	01/08/2021	\$478	\$478	02/17/2021	\$478

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

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

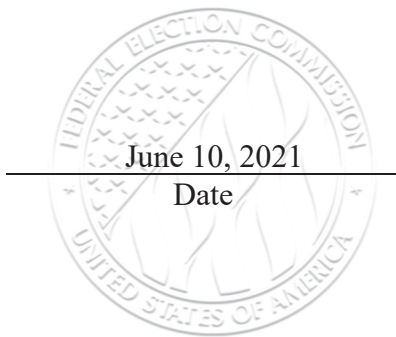
In the Matter of)
) AF 3913
 Administrative Fine Program – Final)
 Determination Recommendation for the)
 2020 12 Day Pre-Primary Report:)
 Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and)
 Linda Olsen, in her official capacity as)
 treasurer (Arizona))

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 09, 2021, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in AF 3913:

1. Make a final determination that Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and Linda Olsen, in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty in the amount of \$478.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.



Attest:

**Laura
Sinram**

Laura E. Sinram
 Acting Secretary and Clerk of the
 Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

AF

June 11, 2021

Linda Olsen, in official capacity as Treasurer
Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress
14955 W Bell Rd.
P.O. Box 9367
Surprise, AZ 85374

C00715748
AF#: 3913

Dear Ms. Olsen,

On January 8, 2021, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2020 Pre-Primary Report. By letter dated January 25, 2021, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage totaling \$478 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43.

On February 17, 2021, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on June 9, 2021 that Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$478 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 Ben Holly on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shana M. Broussard".

Shana M. Broussard
Chair