



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
KDR BH

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

SUBJECT: Withdrawal and Resubmission of Reason To Believe Recommendation –
2020 October Quarterly Report (Non-Election Sensitive) for the
Administrative Fine Program

We are withdrawing the document circulated to the Commission on December 11, 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.

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2020 October Quarterly Report (Non-Election Sensitive) in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The October Quarterly Report was due on October 15, 2020.

The committees listed on the attached RTB Circulation Report either failed to file the report, filed the report no more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a late filed report), or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

An explanation of the civil money penalty calculation for a committee that failed to timely file the report is outlined below:

Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress (AF 3971) was required to file a 2020 October Quarterly Report (Q3) covering July 16, 2020 through September 30, 2020 (77 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 Q3 fine amount. First, we took the sum of all itemized receipts and disbursements that were disclosed during the required filing dates. 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 83.70% (77 days (Committee's Q3 Filing Period)/92 days (Regular 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 Q3.

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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Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2020 OCTOBER QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 10/15/2020 H_S_P_UNAUTH

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
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3962	C00735910	CARMELITA FOR CONGRESS	CARMELITA GRECO	VAL TILLSTROM	\$1,173,234	0	12/1/2020	Not Filed*	\$404,700	\$13,311
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3971	C00715748	FRIENDS OF BOB OLSEN 4 CONGRESS	ROBERT OLSEN	LINDA OLSEN	\$130,755	0	11/16/2020	Not Filed*	\$504 (est)	\$347
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* The committee filed their report more than thirty (30) days after the due date; therefore, the report is considered not filed.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Withdrawal and Resubmission of Reason)
To Believe Recommendation - 2020)
October Quarterly Report (Non-Election)
Sensitive) for the Administrative Fine)
Program:)

CARMELITA FOR CONGRESS, and) AF# 3962
TILLSTROM, VAL as treasurer;)

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FRIENDS OF BOB OLSEN 4)	AF# 3971
CONGRESS, and OLSEN, LINDA as)	
treasurer;)	

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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 October Quarterly Report (Non-Election Sensitive) for the Administrative Fine Program, as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated January 07, 2021, on the following committees:

AF#3962 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CARMELITA FOR CONGRESS, and TILLSTROM, VAL 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 Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#3971 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. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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February 3, 2021

Date

Attest:

**Laura
Sinram**

Laura E. Sinram
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the
Commission

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Laura Sinram
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

AF

February 8, 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#: 3971

Dear Ms. Olsen,

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file an October Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period July 16, 2020 through September 30, 2020, shall be filed no later than October 15, 2020. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Because records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date, 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 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 October 15, 2020. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$347. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 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 <https://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml> 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$347 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by February 17, 2021, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$504

Number of Days Late: Not Filed (reports not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date 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:

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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; 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

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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.

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

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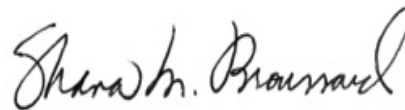
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correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be 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 Jamie Sikorsky 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 \$347 for the October Quarterly 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. Please use the details below to complete the required

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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: Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress

FEC ID#: C00715748

AF#: 3971

PAYMENT DUE DATE: February 17, 2021

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$347

FEC

administrativefines@fec.gov

Re: C00715748

AF#: 3971

To whom it may concern:

I am appealing the recent notice of one on my campaign.

I was out of state on a family matter throughout the month of October and called the analyst when I received notification of a new program for filing. I was told that I could file my October quarterly late.

I returned and downloaded the new program, which seemed to be the same as the old program, but in doing so my previous filing info had disappeared from my computer. I contacted both the analyst and the tech support offices but neither could determine what had happened.

I spent several days looking for the information and finally located it, I don't know how. I filed my quarterly report immediately.

Beyond the technical issues, I lost the primary election and my donations ceased. For that quarter I received the following:

Quarterly total: \$678.00

July: \$508.00

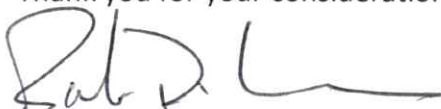
August: \$170.00

September: \$0.00

You have proposed a fine of \$504.00, nearly everything I received in that quarter.

I ask that you reassess the fine and reduce it to a lower amount or eliminate it completely because of the filing issues I experienced with the new filing system and the small amount of donations received in the quarter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Robert Olsen



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 7, 2021

REVIEWING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ("OAR")

AF# 3971 – Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and Linda Olsen, in her official capacity as Treasurer (C00715748)

Summary of Recommendation

Make a final determination that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a \$347 civil money penalty.

Reason-to-Believe Background

The 2020 October Quarterly Report was due on October 15, 2020. The respondents filed the report on November 16, 2020, 32 days late. The report is not election sensitive and was not filed within 30 days of the due date; therefore, the report is considered not filed. 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.43(d)(1) and (e)(1).

On January 8, 2021, the Commission found RTB that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for failing to timely file the 2020 October Quarterly Report and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$347 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.¹ A letter was sent to the respondents' email address of record from the Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") on February 8, 2021 to notify them of the Commission's RTB finding and civil money penalty.

Legal Requirements

The Federal Election Campaign Act ("Act") states that the treasurer of a principal campaign committee shall file a report for the quarter ending September 30 no later than October 15. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(a)(1)(i). Reports electronically filed must be received and validated at or before 11:59 pm Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the filing deadline to be

¹ The Committee's 2020 October Quarterly Report (7/1/20 – 9/30/20) included the coverage period of the 2020 Arizona Pre-Primary Report (7/1/20 – 7/15/20). RAD calculated \$504 of the disclosed activity to be attributed to the required coverage period of 7/1/20 – 9/30/20. At RTB, RAD used a level of activity of \$504 to calculate the civil money penalty based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

timely filed. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.19(c) and 104.5(e). The treasurer shall be personally responsible for the timely filing of reports. 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d).

Summary of Respondents' Challenge

On March 8, 2021, the Commission received the written response (“challenge”) from the Candidate. He explains, in part:

I was out of state on a family matter throughout the month of October and called the analyst when I received notification of a new program for filing. I was told that I could file my October quarterly late.

I returned and downloaded the new program, which seemed to be the same as the old program, but in doing so my previous filing info had disappeared from my computer. I contacted both the analyst and the tech support offices but neither could determine what had happened.

The Candidate states he found the data several days later and immediately filed the report. He also notes that after losing the Primary Election, donations ceased, and he only received \$678 during the October Quarterly reporting period. He asks that the Commission reduce or waive the \$504² penalty considering the technical issues and minimal contributions received.

Analysis

The Candidate states he was out of town throughout October 2020 and then experienced technical issues which further delayed his filing of the 2020 October Quarterly Report. While away, he contends he received a notification alerting him to a new program for filing. Commission records indicate the Candidate is referring to a notification sent by the Commission’s Electronic Filing Office (“EFO”) on October 5, 2020 to alert electronic filers of a FECFile software upgrade.

According to RAD telephone logs, the Candidate contacted the RAD Analyst on October 14, 2020, and explained that he was traveling and did not have access to the computer needed to file the report. He indicated he would file the report upon his return on October 24, 2020 and acknowledged the report would be filed late.³ Despite the Candidate’s contention that he was told he could file the report late, RAD telephone logs do not suggest the Analyst informed him that the late filing would be considered compliant.

² Using the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43(a), the Commission assessed a civil money penalty of \$347 at RTB. It appears the respondents inadvertently referred to the level of activity for the 2020 October Quarterly Report (\$504).

³ On 10/13/20, EFO sent a reminder email regarding the 2020 October Quarterly Report to griggs4congress@gmail.com, thegriggsgroupllc@yahoo.com, and info@griggsforcongress.com. On 10/16/20, the day following the filing deadline, EFO sent a late notification email to the same email addresses because the report had not yet been filed.

According to EFO, the Committee downloaded the FECFile upgrade on November 2 and 6, 2020. On Friday, November 6, 2020, the Candidate used the contact form on the FEC website to submit a question to RAD. Through RAD's "Submit a Question" feature⁴, he wrote: "I downloaded the new software and I can not find my old files." On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, the RAD Analyst called the Candidate to explain she would not be able to retrieve his data file since it is saved to his computer. The RAD Analyst did mention that he could contact EFO for suggestions on how to locate the data file on his computer. On November 12, 2020, the Candidate again contacted RAD, and the Analyst provided EFO's number for assistance in finding the data file. However, EFO has no record of any contacts with the Committee around this time.

In the challenge, the Candidate states that after several days, he was able to locate the data file and submit the report. On November 16, 2020, the Committee filed the 2020 October Quarterly Report, 32 days late.

The Reviewing Officer recognizes that the Candidate did not have access to the necessary computer at the time of the filing deadline and technical difficulties further delayed the Committee's filing of the report. The Reviewing Officer also recognizes the Committee's activity declined after the Primary Election. However, in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.35, 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) demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond the respondents' control. Inexperience or unavailability of the treasurer or staff, and committee computer/software failures are specifically included at 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d) as examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond the respondents' control. Therefore, the Reviewing Officer recommends that the Commission make a final determination that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) assess a \$347 civil money penalty.

OAR Recommendations

1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 3971 involving Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and Linda Olsen, in her official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
2. Make a final determination in AF# 3971 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 a \$347 civil money penalty; and
3. Send the appropriate letter.

⁴ The description of this feature states, in part: "Submit this form and your committee's RAD analyst will email you, usually within 3 business days. Or, for immediate assistance, use your designated analyst's provided contact information to call the analyst by phone during business hours." <https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/question-rad/>

Attachments

Attachment 1 –

Attachment 2 –

Attachment 3 – Declaration from RAD

Attachment 4 – Declaration from OAR

DECLARATION OF KRISTIN D. ROSER

1. I am the Chief of the Compliance Branch for the Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Chief of the Compliance Branch, I oversee the initial processing of the Administrative Fine Program. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and, if called upon as a witness, could and would testify competently to the following matters.
2. It is the practice of the Reports Analysis Division to document all calls to or from committees regarding a letter they receive or any questions relating to the FECFile software or administrative fine regulations, including due dates of reports and filing requirements.
3. I hereby certify that documents identified herein are true and accurate copies of the following sent by the Commission to Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress:
 - A) Reason-to-Believe Letter, dated February 8, 2021, referencing the 2020 October Quarterly Report (sent via electronic mail to: bob@bobolsen2020.com).
4. I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and find that Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress filed the 2020 October Quarterly Report with the Commission on November 16, 2020.
5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that all relevant telecoms for the matter have been provided. This declaration was executed on the 8th day of April, 2021.

Kristin D. Roser

Kristin D. Roser
Chief, Compliance Branch
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission

DECLARATION OF RHIANNON MAGRUDER

- 1) I am the Reviewing Officer in the Office of Administrative Review for the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). In my capacity as Reviewing Officer, I conduct research with respect to all challenges submitted in accordance with the Administrative Fine program.
- 2) A principal campaign committee of a candidate shall file a report for the period ending September 30 no later than October 15. Reports filed electronically must be received and validated at or before 11:59 pm, Eastern Standard/Daylight Time October 15, 2020 for the 2020 October Quarterly Report to be timely filed.
- 3) I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission's public records and that the documents identified herein are the true and accurate copies of:
 - a) Cover, Summary, and Detailed Summary Pages of the 2020 October Quarterly Report filed by Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress. The report includes the coverage period of July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 and was electronically filed on November 16, 2021.
- 4) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the 7th day of May, 2021.



Rhiannon Magruder
Reviewing Officer
Office of Administrative Review
Federal Election Commission

**FEC
FORM 3****REPORT OF RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS**
For An Authorized Committee

Office Use Only

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) **TYPE OR PRINT ▼**

Example: If typing, type over the lines.

12FE4M5

Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress

ADDRESS (number and street)

14955 W Bell Rd



Check if different than previously reported. (ACC)

Surprise

AZ

85374

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

2. **FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▼**

C C00715748

3. IS THIS REPORT



NEW (N)

OR



AMENDED (A)

STATE ▼ DISTRICT

AZ

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4. **TYPE OF REPORT** (Choose One)

(a) Quarterly Reports:



April 15 Quarterly Report (Q1)



July 15 Quarterly Report (Q2)



October 15 Quarterly Report (Q3)



January 31 Year-End Report (YE)



Termination Report (TER)

(b) 12-Day **PRE**-Election Report for the:

Primary (12P)



General (12G)



Runoff (12R)



Convention (12C)



Special (12S)

Election on

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(c) 30-Day **POST**-Election Report for the:

General (30G)



Runoff (30R)



Special (30S)

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in the State of

5. Covering Period

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through

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09 / 30 / 2020

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Olsen, Linda, , ,

Type or Print Name of Treasurer

Olsen, Linda, , ,

Signature of Treasurer

[Electronically Filed]

Date

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11 / 16 / 2020

NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Report to the penalties of 52 U.S.C. §30109.

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Only**FEC FORM 3**
(Revised 05/2016)

SUMMARY PAGE

of Receipts and Disbursements

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Write or Type Committee Name

Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress

Report Covering the Period:

From:

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To:

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	COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Election Cycle-to-Date
6. Net Contributions (other than loans)		
(a) Total Contributions (other than loans) (from Line 11(e))....	683.00	10020.20
(b) Total Contribution Refunds (from Line 20(d))	0.00	0.00
(c) Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract Line 6(b) from Line 6(a))	683.00	10020.20
7. Net Operating Expenditures		
(a) Total Operating Expenditures (from Line 17)	0.00	23358.00
(b) Total Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from Line 14)	0.00	0.00
(c) Net Operating Expenditures (subtract Line 7(b) from Line 7(a))	0.00	23358.00
8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (from Line 27)	33363.20	
9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	0.00	
10. Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	50000.00	

For further information contact:

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Toll Free 800-424-9530
Local 202-694-1100

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Write or Type Committee Name

Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress

Report Covering the Period:

From:

M	M	/	D	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
0	7		0	1		2	0	2	0

To:

M	M	/	D	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y
0	9		3	0		2	0	2	0

I. RECEIPTS
COLUMN A
Total This Period

COLUMN B
Election Cycle-to-Date
11. CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) FROM:

(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees

(i) Itemized (use Schedule A).....

200.00

7600.00

(ii) Unitemized.....

483.00

2420.20

(iii) TOTAL of contributions from individuals ▶

683.00

10020.20

(b) Political Party Committees.....

0.00

0.00

(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs).....

0.00

0.00

(d) The Candidate.....

0.00

0.00

(e) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (add Lines 11(a)(iii), (b), (c), and (d))..

683.00

10020.20

12. TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES

0.00

0.00

13. LOANS:

(a) Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate.....

0.00

50000.00

(b) All Other Loans.....

0.00

0.00

(c) TOTAL LOANS (add Lines 13(a) and (b)).....

0.00

50000.00

14. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)

0.00

0.00

15. OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.)

0.00

0.00

16. TOTAL RECEIPTS (add Lines 11(e), 12, 13(c), 14, and 15) (Carry Total to Line 24, page 4)..... ▶

683.00

60020.20

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE of Disbursements

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II. DISBURSEMENTS	COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Election Cycle-to-Date
17. OPERATING EXPENDITURES.....	0.00	23358.00
18. TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES	300.00	300.00
19. LOAN REPAYMENTS:		
(a) Of Loans Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate.....	0.00	0.00
(b) Of All Other Loans	0.00	0.00
(c) TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS (add Lines 19(a) and (b)).....	0.00	0.00
20. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees	0.00	0.00
(b) Political Party Committees.....	0.00	0.00
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	0.00	0.00
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add Lines 20(a), (b), and (c)).....	0.00	0.00
21. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	0.00	3000.00
22. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add Lines 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d), and 21) ►	300.00	26658.00

III. CASH SUMMARY

23. CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD.....	32980.20
24. TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16, page 3).....	683.00
25. SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24).....	33663.20
26. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 22).....	300.00
27. CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF REPORTING PERIOD (subtract Line 26 from Line 25).....	33363.20



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 7, 2021

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

C00715748
AF# 3971

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 failing to file the 2020 October Quarterly Report. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$347 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43.

After reviewing your written response and any supplemental information submitted by you and Commission staff, the Reviewing Officer has recommended that the Commission make a final determination and assess a civil money penalty. A copy of the Reviewing Officer's recommendation is attached.

You may file with the Commission Secretary a written response to the recommendation within 10 days of the date of this letter. Please note, the agency's offices 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 on a daily basis until the agency resumes normal mail operations. Nevertheless, if you choose to submit a response to the recommendation, it 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 the Commission Secretary at secretary@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 responses will be deemed received on the date it is electronically received by staff. Please include the AF # in your response. Your response may not raise any arguments not raised in your original written response or not directly responsive to the Reviewing Officer's recommendation. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The Commission will then make a final determination in this matter.

Please contact me at the toll free number 800-424-9530 (press 0, then press 1660) or 202-694-1158 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rhiannon Magruder

Rhiannon Magruder
Reviewing Officer
Office of Administrative Review

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By Office of the Commission Secretary at 9:49 am, Jun 10, 2021

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

June 10, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: The Commission

Through: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

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

Rhiannon Magruder *RM*
Reviewing Officer
Office of Administrative Review

Subject: Final Determination Recommendation in AF# 3971 – Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and Linda Olsen, in her official capacity as Treasurer (C00715748)

On January 8, 2021, the Commission found RTB that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for failing to timely file the 2020 October Quarterly Report and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$347 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. On March 8, 2021, the Commission received their written response (“challenge”). After reviewing the challenge, the Reviewing Officer Recommendation (“ROR”) dated May 7, 2021 was forwarded to the Commission, a copy was forwarded to the respondents, and is hereby incorporated by reference. The Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission make a final determination that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a \$347 civil money penalty.

Within 10 days of transmittal of the recommendation, the respondents may file a written response with the Commission Secretary which may not raise any arguments not raised in their challenge or not directly responsive to the ROR. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(f). The respondents have since indicated they intend to pay the recommended civil money penalty.

OAR Recommendations

1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 3971 involving Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and Linda Olsen, in her official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
2. Make a final determination in AF# 3971 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 a \$347 civil money penalty; and
3. Send the appropriate letter.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) AF 3971
 Final Determination Recommendation:)
 Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and)
 Linda Olsen, in her official capacity as)
 Treasurer (C00715748))

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 06, 2021, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-1 to take the following actions in AF 3971:

1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 3971 involving Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress and Linda Olsen, in her official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination.
2. Make a final determination in AF# 3971 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 a \$347 civil money penalty.
3. Send the appropriate letter.

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

Attest:

**Laura
Sinram**

Digitally signed by
Laura Sinram
Date: 2021.08.06
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Laura E. Sinram
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the
Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 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# 3971

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 failing to file the 2020 October Quarterly Report. By letter dated February 8, 2021, the Commission sent notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at RTB of \$347 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. On March 8, 2021, the Office of Administrative Review received your written response challenging the RTB finding.

The Reviewing Officer reviewed the Commission's RTB finding with its supporting documentation and your written response. Based on this review, the Reviewing Officer recommended that the Commission 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 in the amount of \$347 in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. The Reviewing Officer Recommendation was sent to you on May 7, 2021.

On August 6, 2021, the Commission adopted the Reviewing Officer's recommendation and made 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 assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$347. A copy of the Final Determination Recommendation is attached.

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 30 days of receipt of this letter, to the U.S. District Court for the 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 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 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

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

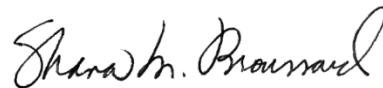
Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money

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 C.F.R. §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within 30 days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Rhiannon Magruder on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

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

Shana M. Broussard
Chair

Attachment

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 final determination is \$347 for the 2020 October Quarterly 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. Please use the details below to complete the required fields. For additional payment options, please contact Rhiannon Magruder on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

COMMITTEE NAME: Friends of Bob Olsen 4 Congress

FEC ID#: C00715748

AF#: 3971

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$347