

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

# SENSITIVE

September 14, 2021

## MEMORANDUM

TO:	The Commission
THROUGH:	Alec Palmer AP Staff Director
FROM:	Patricia C. Orrock $\mathcal{DC}$ for PCO Chief Compliance Officer
BY:	Debbie Chacona $\mathcal{DC}$ Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division $\mathcal{KDR}$ Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly $\mathcal{BH}$
	Reports Analysis Division Compliance Branch
SUBJECT:	Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2021 July Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2021 July Quarterly Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The July Quarterly Report was due on July 15, 2021.

The committees listed in the attached RTB Circulation Report failed to file the 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.

## 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 2021 JULY QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 07/15/2021 H\_S\_P

AF#	Committee	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	<b>RTB Penalty</b>
	ID							-		_
4226	C00723270	BRAD BARRON FOR US SENATE	STEPHEN BRADLEY BARRON	JILL M. BARRON	\$128,788	1		Not Filed	\$128,788 (est)	\$8,418
4227	C00763565	CHAMBERS FOR CONGRESS	GARY CHAMBERS	RONALDO HARDY	\$803,556	0		Not Filed	\$401,778 (est)	\$13,468
4228	C00717025	EMILY ROBINSON FOR CONGRESS	EMILY ROBINSON	EMILY ROBINSON	\$120,240	3		Not Filed	\$120,240 (est)	\$11,786
4229	C00721027	FOSTER FOR KANSAS	ADRIENNE FOSTER	ADRIENNE FOSTER	\$113,385	0		Not Filed	\$113,385 (est)	\$6,735
4230	C00591537	FRIENDS FOR MIKE WEBB	MIKE WEBB	MIKE WEBB	\$203,047	0		Not Filed	\$203,047 (est)	\$9,727
4231	C00736736	GEORGE MITRIS FOR CONGRESS	GEORGE MITRIS	THOMAS COSTA	\$145,106	1		Not Filed	\$145,106 (est)	\$8,418
4232	C00765347	GREG LIRETTE FOR CONGRESS	GREGORY LIRETTE	KEVIN KITCHEN	\$144,587	0		Not Filed	\$144,587 (est)	\$6,735
4233	C00718270	HANK GILBERT FOR CONGRESS	HANK GILBERT	PEYTON GILBERT	\$212,821	0		Not Filed	\$212,821 (est)	\$9,727
4234	C00732875	JIMMY RODRIGUEZ FOR CONGRESS	JIMMY RODRIGUEZ	JIMMY RODRIGUEZ	\$614,521	2		Not Filed	\$614,521 (est)	\$22,449
4235	C00709758	JINEEA FOR CONGRESS	JINEEA BUTLER	ANITA MEADOR	\$169,483	2		Not Filed	\$169,483 (est)	\$12,346
4236	C00729624	REBA FOR CONGRESS	REBA SHERRILL	BRYON FREDRICK MCCOMB	\$400,168	1		Not Filed	\$400,168 (est)	\$16,835

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2021 July Quarterly Report for the	))))	
Administrative Fine Program: BRAD BARRON FOR US SENATE, and BARRON, JILL M BARRON as treasurer;	) )	AF# 4226
CHAMBERS FOR CONGRESS, and HARDY, RONALDO as treasurer;	)	AF# 4227
EMILY ROBINSON FOR CONGRESS,	)	AF# 4228
and ROBINSON, EMILY as treasurer; FOSTER FOR KANSAS, and FOSTER,	) )	AF# 4229
ADRIENNE as treasurer; FRIENDS FOR MIKE WEBB, and WEBB,	) )	AF# 4230
MAJOR MIKE MR. as treasurer; GEORGE MITRIS FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 4231
COSTA, THOMAS MR. as treasurer; GREG LIRETTE FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 4232
KITCHEN, KEVIN as treasurer;	)	
HANK GILBERT FOR CONGRESS, and GILBERT, PEYTON as treasurer;	)	AF# 4233
JIMMY RODRIGUEZ FOR CONGRESS, and RODRIGUEZ, JIMMY as treasurer;	) )	AF# 4234
JINEEA FOR CONGRESS, and MEADOR, ANITA as treasurer;	)	AF# 4235
REBA FOR CONGRESS, and MCCOMB, BRYON FREDRICK as treasurer;	) )	AF# 4236

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Laura E. Sinram, Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on September 15, 2021 the Commission took the

following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2021 July Quarterly

Report for the Administrative Fine Program, as recommended in the Reports Analysis

Division's Memorandum dated September 14, 2021, on the following committees:

AF#4226 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BRAD BARRON FOR US SENATE, and BARRON, JILL M BARRON in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4227 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CHAMBERS FOR CONGRESS, and HARDY, RONALDO in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4228 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that EMILY ROBINSON FOR CONGRESS, and ROBINSON, EMILY in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4229 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FOSTER FOR KANSAS, and FOSTER, ADRIENNE in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4230 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FRIENDS FOR MIKE WEBB, and WEBB, MAJOR MIKE MR. in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money

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penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4231 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GEORGE MITRIS FOR CONGRESS, and COSTA, THOMAS MR. in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4232 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GREG LIRETTE FOR CONGRESS, and KITCHEN, KEVIN in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4233 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that HANK GILBERT FOR CONGRESS, and GILBERT, PEYTON in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4234 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that JIMMY RODRIGUEZ FOR CONGRESS, and RODRIGUEZ, JIMMY in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4235 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that JINEEA FOR CONGRESS, and MEADOR, ANITA in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.

AF#4236 Decided by a vote of 5-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that REBA FOR CONGRESS, and MCCOMB, BRYON FREDRICK in their 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, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Trainor did not vote.



Attest:

## Laura e Sinram

Digitally signed by Laura e Sinram Date: 2021.09.15 18:39:06 -04'00'

Laura E. Sinram Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 16, 2021

Jimmy Rodriguez, in official capacity as Treasurer Jimmy Rodriguez for Congress P.O. Box 5332 Peoria, AZ 85385

C00732875 AF#: 4234

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a July Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, shall be filed no later than July 15, 2021. 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 September 15, 2021, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Jimmy Rodriguez for 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 15, 2021. 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 \$22,449. 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 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$22,449 is due https://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml within forty (40) days of the finding, or by October 25, 2021, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive Level of Activity: \$614,521 Number of Days Late: Not Filed Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 2

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 October 25, 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, the Federal Election Commission's office remains closed to visitors and most of its employees are continuing 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 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).

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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 Jimmy Rodriguez for 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 making 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

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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 including the final regulations, the FEC's fine program, on website at https://www.fec.gov/af/pay.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.

On behalf of the Commission,

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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 \$22,449 for the July 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 <u>www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml</u> 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 Ben Holly in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202)

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COMMITTEE NAME: Jimmy Rodriguez for Congress

FEC ID#: C00732875

AF#: 4234

PAYMENT DUE DATE: October 25, 2021

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$22,449



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

# SENSITIVE

February 23, 2022

## MEMORANDUM

THROUGH: Alec Palmer Staff Director AP

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

> Debbie Chacona *DC* Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

- BY: Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly Reports Analysis Division Compliance Branch
- SUBJECT: Administrative Fine Program Final Determination Recommendation for the 2021 July Quarterly Report

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2021 July Quarterly Report. The committees have not paid the civil money penalty requested at RTB and have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

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

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.

Chambers for Congress (AF 4227) filed the 2021 July Quarterly 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 \$9,875 (previously estimated to be \$401,778), thus the fine would be lowered from \$13,468 to \$422.

Foster for Kansas (AF 4229) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$113,385), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$6,735).

Hank Gilbert for Congress (AF 4233) filed the 2021 July Quarterly 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 \$6,413 (previously estimated to be \$212,821), thus the fine would be lowered from \$9,727 to \$422.

Jineea for Congress (AF 4235) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$169,483), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$12,346).

## **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) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports with no activity, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty.
- (3) Send the appropriate letters.

### Federal Election Commission FD Circulation Report Fine Not Paid 2021 JULY QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 07/15/2021 H\_S\_P

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	PV	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Days Since RTB	FD Penalty
4226	BRAD BARRON FOR US SENATE	STEPHEN BRADLEY BARRON	C00723270	JILL M. BARRON		Not Filed	\$128,788 (est)	1	09/15/2021	\$8,418	161	\$8,418
4227	CHAMBERS FOR LOUISIANA	GARY CHAMBERS	C00763565	RONALDO HARDY	01/10/2022	*Not Filed	\$9,875	0	09/15/2021	\$13,468	161	\$422
4228	EMILY ROBINSON FOR CONGRESS	EMILY ROBINSON	C00717025	EMILY ROBINSON		Not Filed	\$120,240 (est)	3	09/15/2021	\$11,786	161	\$11,786
4229	FOSTER FOR KANSAS	ADRIENNE FOSTER	C00721027	ADRIENNE FOSTER		Not Filed	**\$0	0	09/15/2021	\$6,735	161	NONE
4230	FRIENDS FOR MIKE WEBB	MIKE WEBB	C00591537	MIKE WEBB		Not Filed	\$203,047 (est)	0	09/15/2021	\$9,727	161	\$9,727
4231	GEORGE MITRIS FOR CONGRESS	GEORGE MITRIS	C00736736	THOMAS COSTA		Not Filed	\$145,106 (est)	1	09/15/2021	\$8,418	161	\$8,418
4232	GREG LIRETTE FOR CONGRESS	GREGORY LIRETTE	C00765347	KEVIN KITCHEN		Not Filed	\$144,587 (est)	0	09/15/2021	\$6,735	161	\$6,735
4233	HANK GILBERT FOR CONGRESS	HANK GILBERT	C00718270	PEYTON GILBERT	12/08/2021	*Not Filed	\$6,413	0	09/15/2021	\$9,727	161	\$422
4234	JIMMY RODRIGUEZ FOR CONGRESS	JIMMY RODRIGUEZ	C00732875	JIMMY RODRIGUEZ		Not Filed	\$614,521 (est)	2	09/15/2021	\$22,449	161	\$22,449
4235	JINEEA FOR CONGRESS	JINEEA BUTLER	C00709758	ANITA MEADOR		Not Filed	**\$0	2	09/15/2021	\$12,346	161	NONE
4236	REBA FOR CONGRESS	REBA SHERRILL	C00729624	BRYON FREDRICK MCCOMB		Not Filed	\$400,168 (est)	1	09/15/2021	\$16,835	161	\$16,835

\* The committee filed their report more than thirty (30) days after the due date; therefore, the report is considered not filed.

\*\* The committee filed a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Text Document) disclosing no activity for the 2021 July Quarterly reporting period.

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)
Administrative Fine Program Final	)
Determination Recommendation for the	)
2021 July Quarterly Report:	)
BRAD BARRON FOR US SENATE, and	) AF# 4226
BARRON, JILL M as treasurer;	)
CHAMBERS FOR LOUISIANA, and	) AF# 4227
HARDY, RONALDO as treasurer;	)
EMILY ROBINSON FOR CONGRESS,	) AF# 4228
and ROBINSON, EMILY as treasurer;	)
FOSTER FOR KANSAS, and FOSTER,	) AF# 4229
ADRIENNE as treasurer;	)
FRIENDS FOR MIKE WEBB, and WEBB,	) AF# 4230
MIKE as treasurer;	)
GEORGE MITRIS FOR CONGRESS, and	) AF# 4231
COSTA, THOMAS as treasurer;	)
GREG LIRETTE FOR CONGRESS, and	) AF# 4232
KITCHEN, KEVIN as treasurer;	)
HANK GILBERT FOR CONGRESS, and	) AF# 4233
GILBERT, PEYTON as treasurer;	)
JIMMY RODRIGUEZ FOR CONGRESS,	) AF# 4234
and RODRIGUEZ, JIMMY as treasurer;	)
JINEEA FOR CONGRESS, and MEADOR,	) AF# 4235
ANITA as treasurer;	)
REBA FOR CONGRESS, and MCCOMB,	) AF# 4236
BRYON FREDRICK as treasurer;	)

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on February 25, 2022 the Commission took the

following actions on the Administrative Fine Program Final Determination

Recommendation for the 2021 July Quarterly Report, as recommended in the Reports

Analysis Division's Memorandum dated February 23, 2022, on the following

committees:

AF#4226 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that BRAD BARRON FOR US SENATE, and BARRON, JILL M in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4227 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that CHAMBERS FOR LOUISIANA, and HARDY, RONALDO in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4228 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that EMILY ROBINSON FOR CONGRESS, and ROBINSON, EMILY in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4229 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that FOSTER FOR KANSAS, and FOSTER, ADRIENNE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4230 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that FRIENDS FOR MIKE WEBB, and WEBB, MIKE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. AF#4231 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that GEORGE MITRIS FOR CONGRESS, and COSTA, THOMAS in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4232 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that GREG LIRETTE FOR CONGRESS, and KITCHEN, KEVIN in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4233 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that HANK GILBERT FOR CONGRESS, and GILBERT, PEYTON in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4234 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that JIMMY RODRIGUEZ FOR CONGRESS, and RODRIGUEZ, JIMMY in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4235 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that JINEEA FOR CONGRESS, and MEADOR, ANITA in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4236 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that REBA FOR CONGRESS, and MCCOMB, BRYON FREDRICK in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.



Attest:

Vicktoria J Allen Date: 2022.02.28 15:31:14 -05'00'

Vicktoria J. Allen Acting Deputy Secretary of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 28, 2022

Jimmy Rodriguez, in official capacity as Treasurer Jimmy Rodriguez for Congress P.O. Box 5332 Peoria, AZ 85385

C00732875 AF#: 4234

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

On September 15, 2021, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Jimmy Rodriguez for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2021 July Quarterly Report. By letter dated September 16, 2021, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage to be \$22,449, in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. Within forty (40) days of the FEC's RTB finding, you, in your official capacity as treasurer, 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. You must also file the July Quarterly Report if you have not already done so.

The FEC did not receive payment of the calculated civil money penalty or a written response within the time permitted. The FEC made a final determination on February 25, 2022 that Jimmy Rodriguez for 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 \$22,449, in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.43. The civil money penalty is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive Level of Activity: \$614,521 Number of Days Late: Not Filed Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 2

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 district in which the committee or you reside or transact business, requesting that the

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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 respondent's right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 C.F.R. § 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 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

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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 thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly 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.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Allen J. Dickerson Chairman

### **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$22,449 for the 2021 July Quarterly 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 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 Ben Holly in the Reports Analysis

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Division at our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

COMMITTEE NAME: Jimmy Rodriguez for Congress

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PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$22,449