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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 2, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer
Staff Director *AP*

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

Debbie Chacona *DC*
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY: Kristin D. Roser *KDR*
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Reason to Believe Recommendation -
Failure to File 48-Hour Notices under the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is the name of a principal campaign committee that has failed to timely file 48-hour notices with the Commission for contributions of \$1,000.00 or more received from the close of books for the South Dakota 2022 July Quarterly Report up to 48 hours before the June 7, 2022 Primary Election in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and 11 CFR. § 104.5(f). The committee, Friends of John Thune, represents a candidate who won the Primary Election. The committee is being referred for failing to timely file 48-hour notices for contributions totaling \$292,125.00.

A 48-hour notice is required to report all contributions of a \$1,000.00 or more, to any authorized committee of a candidate, including contributions from the candidate, loans from the candidate and other non-bank sources and endorsements or guarantees of loans from banks, as per 11 CFR § 104.5(f).

We have attached an information sheet which includes the contributor name, date of receipt and amount of the contributions for which a 48-hour notice was not timely filed.

In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties outlined within 11 CFR § 111.44, this committee should be assessed the civil money penalty so indicated.

Recommendation

1. Find reason to believe that Friends of John Thune and Barb Dep Buell, in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that a civil money penalty of \$30,012 be assessed.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

Attachments

Contributions for Which a 48-Hour Notice Was Not Timely Received

AF 4399

Committee ID: C00409581

Committee Name: Friends of John Thune

Report Type: 2022 July Quarterly Report (5/19/2022 – 6/30/2022)

48-Hour Reporting Period: 5/19/2022 – 6/04/2022

CONTRIBUTOR NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
BIOTECHNOLOGY INNOVATION ORGANIZATION PAC	5/19/2022	\$1,500.00
GATES, WILLIAM H III	5/19/2022	\$2,900.00
GATES, WILLIAM H III	5/19/2022	\$2,900.00
PETRIZZO, T J	5/19/2022	\$2,700.00
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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR RADIATION ONCOLOGY PAC	5/24/2022	\$1,500.00
BLEIBERG, PAUL E	5/24/2022	\$1,000.00
CGCN PAC	5/24/2022	\$1,000.00
FMR LLC PAC - FEDERAL (FIDELITY PAC)	5/24/2022	\$1,000.00
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GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION PAC	5/24/2022	\$2,875.00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE GROUP INC PAC	5/24/2022	\$2,500.00
RUSSELL, RANDALL M	5/24/2022	\$1,900.00
CHAMBERLIN, ROBERT W ESQ	5/26/2022	\$2,900.00
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KEARNEY, MICHAEL	5/26/2022	\$1,500.00
ZANGARI, MICHAEL	5/26/2022	\$1,000.00
BIRTCHEER, BRANDON R	5/27/2022	\$2,900.00

BIRTCHEER, DORINE M	5/27/2022	\$2,900.00
ZEITZER, TAURIE	5/27/2022	\$2,000.00
REMONDI, JOHN	5/30/2022	\$1,000.00
AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY- HEAD AND NECK SURGERY ENT PAC	5/31/2022	\$1,500.00
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION CROP INSURERS PAC	5/31/2022	\$1,500.00
AMERICAN SUGARBEET GROWERS ASSOCIATION PAC	5/31/2022	\$1,000.00
BAKER DONELSON BEARMAN CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ PC PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
COVE, THOMAS JAMES	5/31/2022	\$2,000.00
FARM CREDIT COUNCIL PAC	5/31/2022	\$3,500.00
FLEMMING, MATTHEW	5/31/2022	\$1,000.00
GOODARZI, SASAN K	5/31/2022	\$2,800.00
HERRING, JAMES H	5/31/2022	\$2,900.00
INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS OF AMERICA INC PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00
INTERNATIONAL FRANCHISE ASSOC PAC	5/31/2022	\$3,000.00
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH RACQUET & SPORTSCLUB ASSOCIATION PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
JAZZ PHARMACEUTICALS INC PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00
JOHNSTON, JESSE J	5/31/2022	\$2,000.00
MOSAIC COMPANY PAC	5/31/2022	\$1,000.00
NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOC PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS EMPLOYEE CITIZENSHIP FUND PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
SMITHFIELD FOODS INC PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL EMPLOYEES PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,000.00
USANA HEALTH SCIENCES INC PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
VALLEY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
WALGREEN COMPANY PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS EMPLOYEES PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00

WENDEL, PHIL	5/31/2022	\$1,000.00
WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
ANGELAKIS, MICHAEL	6/1/2022	\$2,100.00
ANGELAKIS, MICHAEL	6/1/2022	\$2,900.00
SHRAYER, BORIS	6/2/2022	\$1,000.00
AKIN GUMP STRASS HAUER & FELD LLP	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC INFORMATION ASSOCIATION - OSTEOPATHIC PAC	6/3/2022	\$1,500.00
AMERICAN SENIORS HOUSING ASSOCIATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
BENAROYA, RAPHAEL ¹	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
BERGER, ALAN DR ²	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
BERGER, ALAN DR ³	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
BERGER, MARC J DR ⁴	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
BERNSTEIN, ANDREW	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
BOWAR, NANCY	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00
BROOKS, JONATHAN	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
BROOKS, JONATHAN	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
CARR, CHALMERS	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
CHOUAKE, BEN DR ⁵	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
CHOUAKE, BEN DR ⁶	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
CROWE PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00
ELI LILLY AND COMPANY PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
EMPLOYEES OF NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
FARBER, GERRY	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
FLORIDA SUGAR CANE LEAGUE PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00

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FRIEDMAN, SCOTT	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
GENERAL ATOMICS PAC	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
GONTOWNIK, IZZY JOSEPH ⁷	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
GORDON, GREG	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
HALPERN, JACK ⁸	6/3/2022	\$1,100.00
HALPERN, JACK ⁹	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
HERMAN, RUSSELL	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
HERMAN, RUSSELL	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
HERTZ, DOV ¹⁰	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
HILBERT, PAUL MD ¹¹	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
JONAS, HOWARD ¹²	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
JONAS, HOWARD ¹³	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
KANTOR, TODD	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
KASOFF, STEVE	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
KRIVORUCHKO, RUSLAN	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
LAW, BONNIE	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00
MARSHALL, HAZEN C	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY, SHAKOPEE	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY, SHAKOPEE	6/3/2022	\$1,900.00
MUSS, JASON ¹⁴	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSN PAC	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COTTON	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION POLITICAL VICTORY FUND	6/3/2022	\$4,950.00

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NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION RURAL BROADBAND PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
NIKE INC FEDERAL PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
NIKOLAYEVKSY, ANNA	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
NOVARTIS CORPORATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$1,500.00
NOVARTIS CORPORATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
OKLAHOMA, CHOCTAW NATION OF	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
PARKER, DREW ¹⁵	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
PG&E CORPORATION EMPLOYEES ENERGY PAC	6/3/2022	\$1,500.00
PROJECT WEST PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
PUNT, RYAN L	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
ROVNER, JOSHUA MD ¹⁶	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
RPM INTERNATIONAL INC MANUFACTURING IN AMERICA PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
SAMUELSON, JOSHUA	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
SASOUNESS, ADAM ¹⁷	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00
SEMMLER, KARA COLLEEN	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
STERN, TRUDY ¹⁸	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
SULLIVAN, ANDREW F	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
SULLIVAN, FRANK C	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
SULLIVAN, FRANK C	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
TALPINS, MARA	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
TALPINS, MARA	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
TENZER, GIL	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
TRUE NORTH PAC	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
VALERO PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
WEITMAN, AARON	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
ZIGLER, DOV	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$292,125.00

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Proposed Civil Money Penalty: \$30,012 ((5 Notices Not Filed at \$160 each) + (10% of the Overall Contributions Not Reported))

Federal Election Commission
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
48-Hour Notification Report

11/1/2022 3:54 PM

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	State	Election	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Prev Violations	Notices Not Filed	LOA	Penalty
4399	C00409581	FRIENDS OF JOHN THUNE	SD	2022	JOHN R. THUNE	BARB DEP BUELL	0	5	\$292,125	\$30,012

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) AF 4399
 Reason to Believe Recommendation -)
 Failure to File 48-Hour Notices under the)
 Administrative Fine Program: Friends of)
 John Thune and Barb Dep Buell, in their)
 official capacity as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on November 04, 2022, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in AF 4399:

1. Find reason to believe that Friends of John Thune and Barb Dep Buell, in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that a civil money penalty of \$30,012 be assessed.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

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

Attest:



 November 7, 2022

 Date

Digitally signed by Vicktoria J Allen
 Date: 2022.11.07 10:58:30 -05'00'
Vicktoria J Allen

 Vicktoria J. Allen
 Acting Deputy Secretary of the
 Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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November 7, 2022

Barb Dep Buell, in official capacity as Treasurer
Friends of John Thune
PO Box 841
Sioux Falls, SD 57101

C00409581
AF#: 4399

Dear Barb Dep Buell,

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 52 U.S.C. § 30101, et seq. ("the Act"), requires principal campaign committees of candidates for federal office to notify in writing the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, of any contribution of \$1,000 or more, received by any authorized committee of the candidate after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours before, any election. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(6)(A). The Act further requires notification to be made within 48 hours after the receipt of the contribution and to include the name of the candidate and office sought, the date of receipt, the amount of the contribution, and the identification of the contributor. *Id.* These notification requirements are in addition to all other reporting requirements. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Our records indicate that Friends of John Thune did not submit 48-Hour Notices for contributions of \$1,000 or more, received between May 19, 2022 and June 4, 2022, totaling \$292,125, as required by 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(6)(A). Attachment 1.

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 November 4, 2022, the FEC found that there is Reason to Believe ("RTB") that Friends of John Thune and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) by failing to file the 48-Hour Notices. Based on the FEC's schedule of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.44, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$30,012. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 2. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. 11 CFR § 111.34. The amount of the civil money penalty is \$160 for each non-filed notice plus 10 percent of the dollar amount of the contributions not timely reported. The civil money penalty increases by 25 percent for each prior violation. Send your payment of \$30,012 within forty (40) days of the finding, or by December 14, 2022.

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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 December 14, 2022. 11 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

Please note, all challenges to an RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty should be converted to PDF (Portable Document Format) and 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 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 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.

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District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 C.F.R. § 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 John Thune 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 C.F.R. § 111.51(a)(2).

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

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

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

4. Partial Payments

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

5. Settlement Offers

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

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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 C.F.R. § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact 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,



Allen J. Dickerson
Chairman

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.44, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$30,012 for the 2022 Primary Election 48-Hour Notification 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 Jacqueline Gausepohl in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

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COMMITTEE NAME: Friends of John Thune

FEC ID#: C00409581

AF#: 4399

PAYMENT DUE DATE: December 14, 2022

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$30,012

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY- HEAD AND NECK SURGERY ENT PAC	5/31/2022	\$1,500.00
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION CROP INSURERS PAC	5/31/2022	\$1,500.00
AMERICAN SUGARBEET GROWERS ASSOCIATION PAC	5/31/2022	\$1,000.00
BAKER DONELSON BEARMAN CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ PC PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
COVE, THOMAS JAMES	5/31/2022	\$2,000.00
FARM CREDIT COUNCIL PAC	5/31/2022	\$3,500.00
FLEMMING, MATTHEW	5/31/2022	\$1,000.00
GOODARZI, SASAN K	5/31/2022	\$2,800.00
HERRING, JAMES H	5/31/2022	\$2,900.00
INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS OF AMERICA INC PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00
INTERNATIONAL FRANCHISE ASSOC PAC	5/31/2022	\$3,000.00
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH RACQUET & SPORTSCLUB ASSOCIATION PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
JAZZ PHARMACEUTICALS INC PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00
JOHNSTON, JESSE J	5/31/2022	\$2,000.00
MOSAIC COMPANY PAC	5/31/2022	\$1,000.00
NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOC PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS EMPLOYEE CITIZENSHIP FUND PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
SMITHFIELD FOODS INC PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL EMPLOYEES PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,000.00
USANA HEALTH SCIENCES INC PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
VALLEY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
WALGREEN COMPANY PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS EMPLOYEES PAC	5/31/2022	\$5,000.00

WENDEL, PHIL	5/31/2022	\$1,000.00
WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE PAC	5/31/2022	\$2,500.00
ANGELAKIS, MICHAEL	6/1/2022	\$2,100.00
ANGELAKIS, MICHAEL	6/1/2022	\$2,900.00
SHRAYER, BORIS	6/2/2022	\$1,000.00
AKIN GUMP STRASS HAUER & FELD LLP	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC INFORMATION ASSOCIATION - OSTEOPATHIC PAC	6/3/2022	\$1,500.00
AMERICAN SENIORS HOUSING ASSOCIATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
BENAROYA, RAPHAEL ¹	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
BERGER, ALAN DR ²	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
BERGER, ALAN DR ³	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
BERGER, MARC J DR ⁴	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
BERNSTEIN, ANDREW	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
BOWAR, NANCY	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00
BROOKS, JONATHAN	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
BROOKS, JONATHAN	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
CARR, CHALMERS	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
CHOUAKE, BEN DR ⁵	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
CHOUAKE, BEN DR ⁶	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
CROWE PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00
ELI LILLY AND COMPANY PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
EMPLOYEES OF NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
FARBER, GERRY	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
FLORIDA SUGAR CANE LEAGUE PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00

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FRIEDMAN, SCOTT	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
GENERAL ATOMICS PAC	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
GONTOWNIK, IZZY JOSEPH ⁷	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
GORDON, GREG	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
HALPERN, JACK ⁸	6/3/2022	\$1,100.00
HALPERN, JACK ⁹	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
HERMAN, RUSSELL	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
HERMAN, RUSSELL	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
HERTZ, DOV ¹⁰	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
HILBERT, PAUL MD ¹¹	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
JONAS, HOWARD ¹²	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
JONAS, HOWARD ¹³	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
KANTOR, TODD	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
KASOFF, STEVE	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
KRIVORUCHKO, RUSLAN	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
LAW, BONNIE	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00
MARSHALL, HAZEN C	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY, SHAKOPEE	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY, SHAKOPEE	6/3/2022	\$1,900.00
MUSS, JASON ¹⁴	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSN PAC	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COTTON	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION POLITICAL VICTORY FUND	6/3/2022	\$4,950.00

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NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION RURAL BROADBAND PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
NIKE INC FEDERAL PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
NIKOLAYEVKSY, ANNA	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
NOVARTIS CORPORATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$1,500.00
NOVARTIS CORPORATION PAC	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
OKLAHOMA, CHOCTAW NATION OF	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
PARKER, DREW ¹⁵	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
PG&E CORPORATION EMPLOYEES ENERGY PAC	6/3/2022	\$1,500.00
PROJECT WEST PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
PUNT, RYAN L	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
ROVNER, JOSHUA MD ¹⁶	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
RPM INTERNATIONAL INC MANUFACTURING IN AMERICA PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
SAMUELSON, JOSHUA	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
SASOUNESS, ADAM ¹⁷	6/3/2022	\$2,000.00
SEMMLER, KARA COLLEEN	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
STERN, TRUDY ¹⁸	6/3/2022	\$1,000.00
SULLIVAN, ANDREW F	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
SULLIVAN, FRANK C	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
SULLIVAN, FRANK C	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
TALPINS, MARA	6/3/2022	\$2,100.00
TALPINS, MARA	6/3/2022	\$2,900.00
TENZER, GIL	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
TRUE NORTH PAC	6/3/2022	\$5,000.00
VALERO PAC	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
WEITMAN, AARON	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
ZIGLER, DOV	6/3/2022	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL	\$292,125.00

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Proposed Civil Money Penalty: \$30,012 ((5 Notices Not Filed at \$160 each) + (10% of the Overall Contributions Not Reported))

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By Office of the Commission Secretary at 8:13 am, Jan 19, 2023



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

SENSITIVE

January 19, 2023

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*
Kristin D. Roser
Reports Analysis Division
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the Failure to File 48-Hour Notices

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 appropriate 48-Hour Notices for the 2022 Primary Election. The committee has paid the civil money penalty requested at RTB.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34, 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 their 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
Final Determination Circulation Report
48-Hour Notification Report

1/18/2023 8:55 AM

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	State	Election	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Prev Violations	Notices Not Filed	LOA	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	FD Penalty	Date Paid	Amount Paid
4399	C00409581	FRIENDS OF JOHN THUNE	SD	2022	JOHN R. THUNE	BARB DEP BUELL	0	5	\$0.00	11/04/2022	\$30,012	\$30,012	11/25/2022	\$30,012

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) AF 4399
 Administrative Fine Program - Final)
 Determination Recommendation for the)
 Failure to File 48-Hour Notices: Friends)
 of John Thune and Barb Dep Buell, in)
 their official capacity as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on January 20, 2023, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in AF 4399:

1. Make a final determination that Friends of John Thune and Barb Dep Buell, in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty in the amount of \$30,012.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

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

Attest:

Vicktoria J Allen

Digitally signed by Vicktoria J
Allen
Date: 2023.01.20 18:41:58 -05'00'



January 20, 2023

Date

Vicktoria J. Allen
Acting Deputy Secretary of the
Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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January 23, 2023

Barb Dep Buell, in official capacity as Treasurer
Friends of John Thune
PO Box 841
Sioux Falls, SD 57101

C00409581
AF#: 4399

Dear Barb Dep Buell,

On November 4, 2022, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Friends of John Thune and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for failing to file 48-Hour Notices for contributions of \$1,000 or more, received between May 19, 2022 and June 4, 2022, totaling \$292,125. By letter dated November 7, 2022, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage totaling \$30,012, in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.44.

On November 25, 2022, the Commission received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The Commission made a final determination on January 20, 2023 that Friends of John Thune and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$30,012 in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.44, 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 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 this matter, please contact Jacqueline Gausepohl 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 "Dara Lindenbaum".

Dara Lindenbaum
Chair