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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463**SENSITIVE**

August 8, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *DC* for 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 file 48-hour notices with the Commission for contributions of \$1,000.00 or more received from the close of books for the Florida 12-Day Pre-Primary Report up to 48 hours before the August 23, 2022 Primary Election in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and 11 CFR. § 104.5(f). The committee, Corrine Brown for Congress, represents a candidate who lost the Primary Election. The committee is being referred for failing to file 48-hour notices for contributions totaling \$38,500.00.

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 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 Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that a civil money penalty of \$5,887 be assessed.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

Attachments

Contributions for Which a 48-Hour Notice Was Not Received

AF 4662

Committee ID: C00819730

Committee Name: Corrine Brown for Congress

Report Type: October Quarterly Report (8/4/2022 – 9/30/2022)

48-Hour Reporting Period: 8/4/2022 – 8/20/2022

CONTRIBUTOR	DATE	AMOUNT
NABBIE, TYRONE	8/4/2022	\$1,000.00
BROWN, CORRINE	8/8/2022	\$5,000.00
KENT, WILLIAM	8/8/2022	\$2,900.00
BROWN, CORRINE	8/12/2022	\$1,000.00
GREEN, DAVID DR.	8/12/2022	\$1,000.00
MONTGOMERY, JOHN MICHAEL	8/13/2022	\$1,000.00
BRADFORD, TOYE	8/15/2022	\$2,000.00
BROWN, CORRINE	8/15/2022	\$8,000.00
BROWN, CORRINE	8/16/2022	\$4,000.00
LAZZARA, CHRISTOPHER	8/17/2022	\$2,900.00
LAZZARA, CHRISTOPHER	8/17/2022	\$2,900.00
LAZZARA, GASPER	8/17/2022	\$2,900.00
LAZZARA, GASPER	8/17/2022	\$2,900.00
DELANEY, GENA	8/20/2022	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$38,500.00

Proposed Civil Money Penalty: \$5,887 (((5 Notices Not Filed at \$172 each) + (10% of the Overall Contributions Not Reported)) x (1 x 25%)) + ((5 Notices Not Filed at \$172 each) + (10% of the Overall Contributions Not Reported))

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Reason to Believe Circulation Report
48-Hour Notification Report

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AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	State	Election	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Prev Violations	Notices Not Filed	LOA	Penalty
4662	C00819730	CORRINE BROWN FOR CONGRESS	FL	2022	CORRINE BROWN	COREY BRADFORD	1	5	\$38,500	\$5,887

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) AF 4662
 Reason to Believe Recommendation -)
 Failure to File 48-Hour Notices under the)
 Administrative Fine Program: Corrine)
 Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford,)
 in their official capacity as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 10, 2023, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in AF 4662:

1. Find reason to believe that Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that a civil money penalty of \$5,887 be assessed.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

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

Attest:



August 11, 2023

 Date

**Vicktoria J
 Allen**

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 Vicktoria J. Allen
 Deputy Secretary of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

AF

August 11, 2023

Corey Bradford, in official capacity as Treasurer
Corrine Brown for Congress
611 Appian Way
Jacksonville, FL 32208

C00819730

AF#: 4662
FINE: \$5,887

Dear Corey Bradford,

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 (the "Commission" or "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 Corrine Brown for Congress did not submit 48-Hour Notices for contributions of \$1,000 or more, received between August 4, 2022 and August 20, 2022, totaling \$38,500, 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 August 10, 2023, the Commission found that there is Reason to Believe ("RTB") that Corrine Brown for Congress 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 Commission'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 \$5,887. 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 \$172 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 \$5,887

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within forty (40) days of the finding, or by September 19, 2023.

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 decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must email a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review at administrativefines@fec.gov. 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 September 19, 2023. 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).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three factors: (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).

If you fail to timely raise a factual argument in your challenge to the RTB finding, your right to present such an argument in an appeal to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109 shall be deemed waived. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

It should also be noted that, all challenges to an RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty should be converted to PDF (Portable Document Format) and emailed to

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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 they are electronically received by staff.

In addition, 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 challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, the FEC will conclude that the factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Corrine Brown 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 Commission 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 decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, please follow the payment instructions below. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

You may remit payment by Automated Clearinghouse ("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 <http://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml> to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form. Please use the details at the top of this letter to complete the required fields.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the

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amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission will be rejected. This includes 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. 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 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,



Dara Lindenbaum
Chair

Contributions for Which a 48-Hour Notice Was Not Received**AF 4662****Committee ID: C00819730****Committee Name: Corrine Brown for Congress****Report Type: October Quarterly Report (8/4/2022 – 9/30/2022)****48-Hour Reporting Period: 8/4/2022 – 8/20/2022**

CONTRIBUTOR	DATE	AMOUNT
NABBIE, TYRONE	8/4/2022	\$1,000.00
 		
BROWN, CORRINE	8/8/2022	\$5,000.00
KENT, WILLIAM	8/8/2022	\$2,900.00
 		
BROWN, CORRINE	8/12/2022	\$1,000.00
GREEN, DAVID DR.	8/12/2022	\$1,000.00
MONTGOMERY, JOHN MICHAEL	8/13/2022	\$1,000.00
 		
BRADFORD, TOYE	8/15/2022	\$2,000.00
BROWN, CORRINE	8/15/2022	\$8,000.00
BROWN, CORRINE	8/16/2022	\$4,000.00
LAZZARA, CHRISTOPHER	8/17/2022	\$2,900.00
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DELANEY, GENA	8/20/2022	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL	\$38,500.00

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September 25, 2025

Dear Ms. Magruder,

On behalf of Corrine Brown for Congress (C00819730; AF: 4662), I am submitting this letter regarding the 48-Hour Notices for contributions of \$1,000 or more, received between August 4, 2022 and August 20, 2022, totaling \$38,500.

Corrine Brown for Congress has no money, and the bank account has been closed. The campaign is seeking to terminate. We are hopeful that the civil money penalty of \$5,887 will be forgiven because there was no intent to not file the notices timely. In addition, in the 24 years of being a Member of Congress, I do not recall ever receiving such a significant fine, so this issue is definitely not the norm.

On July 31, 2023, the campaign reached out to Ben Holly, Senior Campaign Finance and Reviewing Analyst, FEC. Mr. Holly returned the call. We informed him that we had not received several communications from FEC this year even though an updated email address had been provided in December 2022. He informed us that the campaign could not set up a payment plan for the civil money penalty.

The campaign has experienced several challenges. Kim Stephens-Perry, the first campaign treasurer, was a novice in the political process, which made it very difficult to gather the information required and submit the proper forms timely. Unbeknownst to the campaign, Ms. Stephens-Perry quit. We

just received a message that she passed today.

Corey Bradford, the campaign manager, has agreed to be a temporary campaign treasurer as we complete this process.

Since the end of 2022, the campaign has been working with Chris Koob, MBA Consulting Group, who has volunteered to file the reports. Mr. Koob will continue to assist until the termination has been accepted or the committee has been administratively terminated.

Thank you for your assistance. **Please let us know how to proceed.** If you have any questions or comments, please contact me

Sincerely,

Corrine Brown

Corrine Brown
Candidate



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 21, 2023

REVIEWING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (“OAR”)

AF# 4662 – Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as Treasurer (C00819730)

Summary of Recommendation

Make a final determination that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a \$5,887 civil money penalty.

Reason-to-Believe Background

In connection with the 2022 Florida Primary Election held on August 23, 2022, the respondents were required to file 48-Hour Notices of Contributions/Loans (“48-Hour Notices”) for contributions of \$1,000 or more received between August 4, 2022 and August 20, 2022.

On August 10, 2023, the Commission found reason to believe (“RTB”) that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for failing to timely file 48-Hour Notices for fourteen (14) contributions totaling \$38,500 and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$5,887 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.44. A letter was sent to the respondents’ email address of record from the Reports Analysis Division (“RAD”) on August 11, 2023 to notify them of the Commission’s RTB finding and civil money penalty.

Legal Requirements

The Federal Election Campaign Act (“Act”) requires that the principal campaign committee of a candidate notify the Commission, in writing, of any contribution of \$1,000 or more received after the 20th day but more than 48 hours before an election. The principal campaign committee must notify the Commission within 48 hours of receipt of the contribution. The 48-hour notification shall be in addition to all other reporting requirements under the Act. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(6)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(f). Reports electronically filed must be received and validated at or before 11:59 pm Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the filing deadline to be 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 September 25, 2023, the Commission received the written response (“challenge”) from the Candidate stating the reporting violation was not intentional and requesting the fine be waived. The Candidate also notes the Committee has no funds and is seeking to terminate.

Ms. Brown further explains the Committee’s Treasurer at the time of the violation “...was a novice in the political process, which made it very difficult to gather the information required and submit the proper forms timely.” The individual separated from the Committee and experienced serious health issues which ultimately resulted in their death. The Candidate notes that the Committee now has a new Treasurer and consultant responsible for filing reports until the Committee qualifies for termination or administrative termination.

The challenge also refers to a telephone conversation in which the Committee informed RAD that it was not receiving FEC email notifications despite updating its email address in December 2022. During this telephone conversation, the Committee was also informed the Committee would not be able to make payment installments on this penalty.

Analysis

The Candidate contends the Committee’s failure to file the 48-Hour Notices in question was due to the past Treasurer’s inexperience, illness, and unavailability.¹ The Reviewing Officer is sympathetic to the circumstances presented and recognizes these circumstances may have impacted the Committee’s ability to comply with reporting requirements.

As indicated in the challenge, Commission records confirm the Candidate spoke with the RAD Compliance Analyst on August 2, 2023. However, the conversation was in reference to a previous administrative fine matter and pre-dated the reason-to-believe finding in this matter. During the August 2, 2023 conversation, the Analyst confirmed that the email address of record was accurate. The Analyst also informed the Candidate that the penalty in that matter could not be further reduced. Commission records do not suggest the Analyst advised that payment installments would not be accepted. See Attachment 3.

While sympathetic to the circumstances with the previous Treasurer, the Reviewing Officer notes that a committee’s treasurer shall be personally responsible for the timely filing of reports. 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d). Moreover, inexperience, illness and unavailability of the treasurer or committee staff 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) and assess a civil money penalty of \$5,887.

¹ While the respondents do not indicate they were unaware of 48-Hour Notice filing requirements, the Reviewing Officer confirms the Commission appropriately notified the Committee of its requirement to file 48-Hour Notices in connection with the 2022 Florida Primary Election on July 21, 2022. The notice was emailed to perry_kim@bellsouth.net and shantrelbrown1@gmail.com, the email addresses listed on the Committee’s Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1) at that time. See Attachments 2 and 4. As indicated in the challenge, on December 8, 2022, the Committee filed an Amended Form 1 to remove perry_kim@bellsouth.net as an official email address. See Attachment 4. All subsequent FEC email notifications have been sent to shantrelbrown1@gmail.com.

OAR Recommendations

1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 4662 involving Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
2. Make a final determination in AF# 4662 that Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as Treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a \$5,887 civil money penalty; and
3. Send the appropriate letter.

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 Corrine Brown for Congress:
 - A) Request for Additional Information for the 2022 October Quarterly Report, dated May 3, 2023, referencing missing 48-Hour Notices (sent via electronic mail to: shantrelbrown1@gmail.com);
 - B) Request for Additional Information for the Termination Report covering April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, dated July 23, 2023 (sent via electronic mail to: shantrelbrown1@gmail.com);
 - C) Reason-to-Believe Letter, dated August 11, 2023, referencing the missing 48-Hour Notices (sent via electronic mail to: shantrelbrown1@gmail.com).
4. I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission’s public records and find that Corrine Brown for Congress has not yet filed the missing 48-Hour Notices with the Commission.
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 5th day of October, 2023.

Kristin D. Roser

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



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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May 3, 2023

CORRINE BROWN, TREASURER
CORRINE BROWN FOR CONGRESS
611 APPIAN WAY
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32208

Response Due Date

06/07/2023

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00819730

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (08/04/2022 - 09/30/2022)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to be from a limited liability corporation(s) (LLC) (see attached). 11 C.F.R. §110.1(g) allows the receipt of contributions from LLCs providing the LLC is treated as a partnership for tax purposes, and has not elected to be treated as a corporation by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Both LLCs that claim corporate status and those that are publicly traded would be treated as corporations for FECA purposes.

Please amend your report to clarify if the LLCs in question are treated as partnerships. If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with clarifying information. 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) prohibits a candidate for federal office from accepting contributions from a person in excess of \$2,900 per election. A partnership is included in the definition of "person" under 52 U.S.C. § 30101(11) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §431(11)).

If you have received prohibited contributions, you must make a refund. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1)) The refund must be made within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(2))

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any refund checks. Refunds must be reported on a Schedule B supporting Line 20(a) of the

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report covering the period in which the refund was made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, your prompt action to refund the prohibited amount will be taken into consideration.

2. While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) This general election amount must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate will not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors or redesignated to the primary if your committee has net debts outstanding for the primary election. To redesignate a contribution the committee must either (1) obtain signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) redesignate the contribution by presumption to the primary election, for undesignated contributions made after the primary but before the general election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i) and (5)(ii)(C))

The attached general election contributions do not appear to have been remedied. Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund or redesignation of any general election contribution. Refunds or redesignations must be done within 60 days after the 2022 Primary Election.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

3. Schedule A of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48-hour notices regarding "last minute" contributions (to include loans, in-kind contributions, and advances) received by your committee after the close of books for the 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (see attached). A principal campaign committee must notify the Commission, in

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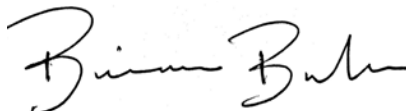
writing, within 48 hours of any contribution of \$1,000 or more received between two and twenty days before an election. These contributions are then reported on the next report required to be filed by the committee. To ensure that the Commission is notified of last minute contributions of \$1,000 or more to your campaign, it is recommended that you review your procedures for checking contributions received during the aforementioned time period. The failure to file 48-hour notices may result in civil money penalties or legal enforcement action. (11 CFR § 104.5(f))

If any contribution of \$1,000 or more was incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

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Sincerely,



Brian Buhr

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

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**Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Corrine Brown for Congress (C00819730)**

Apparent Excessive Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Main Street Communications LLC	8/29/22	\$4,000.00	G2022

**Apparent General Election Contributions
Corrine Brown for Congress (C00819730)**

2022 October Quarterly Report

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Lazzara, Christopher	8/17/22	\$2,900.00	G2022
Lazzara, Gasper	8/17/22	\$2,900.00	G2022
Main Street Communications LLC	8/29/22	\$4,000.00	G2022

Missing 48-Hour Notices
Corrine Brown for Congress (C00819730)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Nabbie, Tyrone	8/4/22	\$1,000.00	P2022
Brown, Corrine	8/8/22	\$5,000.00	P2022
Kent, William	8/8/22	\$2,900.00	P2022
Brown, Corrine	8/12/22	\$1,000.00	P2022
Green, David Dr.	8/12/22	\$1,000.00	P2022
Montgomery, John Michael	8/13/22	\$1,000.00	P2022
Bradford, Toye	8/15/22	\$2,000.00	P2022
Brown, Corrine	8/15/22	\$8,000.00	P2022
Brown, Corrine	8/16/22	\$4,000.00	P2022
Lazzara, Christopher	8/17/22	\$2,900.00	P2022
Lazzara, Christopher	8/17/22	\$2,900.00	G2022
Lazzara, Gasper	8/17/22	\$2,900.00	P2022
Lazzara, Gasper	8/17/22	\$2,900.00	G2022
Delaney, Gena	8/20/22	\$1,000.00	P2022



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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July 23, 2023

CORRINE BROWN, TREASURER
CORRINE BROWN FOR CONGRESS
611 APPIAN WAY
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32208

Response Due Date
08/28/2023

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00819730

REFERENCE: TERMINATION REPORT (04/01/2023 - 06/30/2023)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

1. Your committee has requested that the Commission permit your committee to terminate pursuant to 52 U.S.C. §30103(d) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §433(d)) and 11 CFR § 102.3. Preliminary review of reports filed during the 2021-22 election cycle identified problems concerning certain information disclosed by your committee of which you were previously notified. Your committee must continue to file all required reports with the Commission while a determination is being made on whether to pursue these matters any further. The Commission will notify you when your request to terminate has been approved and the committee is no longer required to file reports with the Commission.

- For your information, when the candidate forgives a loan and/or debt, the committee should file a letter signed by the candidate stating the loan and/or debt is forgiven. Please provide a clarification or submit the missing information and/or file an amendment to your report. (52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(8) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(8)))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will**

CORRINE BROWN FOR CONGRESS

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Sincerely,



Jill Sugarman
Assistant Branch Chief, Authorized

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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) The principal campaign committee of a candidate must file notifications disclosing contributions of \$1,000 or more which are received after the 20th day but more than 48 hours before an election. These notifications (also called 48-Hour Notices) must be filed with the Commission within 48 hours of the committee’s receipt of the contribution(s).
- 3) I hereby certify that I have searched the Commission’s public records and find that Corrine Brown for Congress did not file the required 48-Hour Notices for the contributions included in the Commission’s August 10, 2023 RTB finding.
- 4) The documents identified herein are the true and accurate copies of:
 - a) Statement of Organization filed July 1, 2022 by Corrine Brown for Congress.
 - b) Amended Statement of Organization filed December 8, 2022 by Corrine Brown for Congress.
- 5) 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 21st day of November, 2023.

Rhiannon Magruder
Rhiannon Magruder
Reviewing Officer
Office of Administrative Review
Federal Election Commission

FEC FORM 1

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Office Use Only

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) (Check if name is changed) Example: If typing, type over the lines. 12FE4M5

Corrine Brown for Congress

ADDRESS (number and street) 611 Appian Way

(Check if address is changed)

Jacksonville CITY ▲ FL STATE ▲ 32208 ZIP CODE ▲

COMMITTEE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS

(Check if address is changed) Perry_kim@bellsouth.net

Optional Second E-Mail Address ShantrelBrown1@gmail.com

COMMITTEE'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS (URL)

(Check if address is changed) VoteCorrine.com

2. DATE 07 / 01 / 2022

3. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▶ C C00819730

4. IS THIS STATEMENT NEW (N) OR AMENDED (A)

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

Type or Print Name of Treasurer Stephens-Perry, Kim, , ,

Signature of Treasurer Stephens-Perry, Kim, , , [Electronically Filed] Date 07 / 01 / 2022

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

ANY CHANGE IN INFORMATION SHOULD BE REPORTED WITHIN 10 DAYS.

5. TYPE OF COMMITTEE:

Candidate Committee:

- (a) This committee is a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)
- (b) This committee is an authorized committee, and is NOT a principal campaign committee. (Complete the candidate information below.)

Name of Candidate Brown, Corrine, , ,

Candidate Party Affiliation DEM REP LIB IND OTH

Office Sought: House Senate President

State AL AK AZ AR CA CO CT DE DC FL GA HI IA IL IN KS KY LA MA MD ME MI MN MO MS MT NE NH NJ NM NV NY NC ND OH OK OR PA RI SC SD TN TX UT VT WA WI WY

District 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

- (c) This committee supports/opposes only one candidate, and is NOT an authorized committee.

Name of Candidate _____

Party Committee:

- (d) This committee is a (National, State or subordinate) committee of the (Democratic, Republican, etc.) Party

Political Action Committee (PAC):

- (e) This committee is a separate segregated fund. (Identify connected organization on line 6.) Its connected organization is a:

- Corporation Corporation w/o Capital Stock Labor Organization
- Membership Organization Trade Association Cooperative

In addition, this committee is a Lobbyist/Registrant PAC.

- (f) This committee supports/opposes more than one Federal candidate, and is NOT a separate segregated fund or party committee. (i.e., nonconnected committee)

In addition, this committee is a Lobbyist/Registrant PAC.

In addition, this committee is a Leadership PAC. (Identify sponsor on line 6.)

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Joint Fundraising Representative:

- (i) This committee collects contributions, pays fundraising expenses and disburses net proceeds for two or more political committees/organizations, at least one of which is an authorized committee of a federal candidate.
- (j) This committee collects contributions, pays fundraising expenses and disburses net proceeds for two or more political committees/organizations, none of which is an authorized committee of a federal candidate.

Committees Participating in Joint Fundraiser

1. _____
2. _____

C _____

C _____

Write or Type Committee Name

Corrine Brown for Congress

6. Name of Any Connected Organization, Affiliated Committee, Joint Fundraising Representative, or Leadership PAC Sponsor

NONE

Grid lines for organization name entry.

Mailing Address

Grid lines for mailing address entry.

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Relationship: Connected Organization Affiliated Organization Joint Fundraising Representative Leadership PAC Sponsor

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number -- optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

Stephens-Perry, Kim, , ,

Full Name

Grid lines for full name entry.

Mailing Address

501 Estes Road

Grid lines for mailing address entry.

Jacksonville

FL

32208

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Title or Position ▼

Campaign Treasurer

Grid lines for title or position entry.

Telephone number

904

860

5282

Grid lines for telephone number entry.

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number -- optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Stephens-Perry, Kim, , ,

Full Name of Treasurer

Grid lines for full name of treasurer entry.

Mailing Address

501 Estes Road

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Full Name of Designated Agent

[Grid for Full Name of Designated Agent]

Mailing Address

[Grid for Mailing Address Line 1]

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[Grid for Mailing Address Line 3]

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Title or Position ▼

[Grid for Title or Position]

Telephone number

[Grid for Telephone number]

9. Banks or Other Depositories: List all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds.

Name of Bank, Depository, etc.

Wells Fargo

[Grid for Name of Bank, Depository, etc.]

Mailing Address

1336 Edgewood Avenue W

[Grid for Mailing Address Line 1]

[Grid for Mailing Address Line 2]

Jacksonville

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32208

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CITY

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STATE

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ZIP CODE

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(Check if address is changed)

ShantrelBrown1@gmail.com

Optional Second E-Mail Address

COMMITTEE'S WEB PAGE ADDRESS (URL)

(Check if address is changed)

VoteCorrine.com

2. DATE

12 / 08 / 2022

3. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

C C00819730

4. IS THIS STATEMENT

NEW (N)

OR

AMENDED (A)

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

Type or Print Name of Treasurer Bradford, Corey, , ,

Signature of Treasurer

Bradford, Corey, , ,

[Electronically Filed]

Date

12 / 08 / 2022

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For further information contact: Federal Election Commission Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-694-1100

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Candidate Party Affiliation DEM REP IND OTH

Office Sought: House Senate President

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 - Corporation Corporation w/o Capital Stock Labor Organization
 - Membership Organization Trade Association Cooperative
 - In addition, this committee is a Lobbyist/Registrant PAC.
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Corrine Brown for Congress

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NONE

Grid lines for organization name entry.

Mailing Address

Grid lines for mailing address entry.

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Relationship: Connected Organization Affiliated Organization Joint Fundraising Representative Leadership PAC Sponsor

7. Custodian of Records: Identify by name, address (phone number -- optional) and position of the person in possession of committee books and records.

Bradford, Corey, , ,

Full Name

Grid lines for full name entry.

Mailing Address

307 Saint James Way

Grid lines for mailing address line 1.

Orange Park

FL

32065

CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲

Title or Position ▼

Treasurer

Grid lines for title or position entry.

Telephone number

904

505

1572

Grid lines for telephone number entry.

8. Treasurer: List the name and address (phone number -- optional) of the treasurer of the committee; and the name and address of any designated agent (e.g., assistant treasurer).

Bradford, Corey, , ,

Full Name of Treasurer

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CITY ▲

STATE ▲

ZIP CODE ▲



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 27, 2023

Corey Bradford, in official capacity as Treasurer
Corrine Brown for Congress
611 Appian Way
Jacksonville, FL 32208

C00819730
AF# 4662

Dear Treasurer:

On August 10, 2023, the Commission found reason to believe (“RTB”) that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for failing to timely file 48-Hour Notices for fourteen (14) contributions totaling \$38,500. The Commission also made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$5,887 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.44.

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. 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
Reviewing Officer
Office of Administrative Review

RECEIVED

By Office of the Commission Secretary at 10:32 am, Jan 24, 2024

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 24, 2024

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# 4662 – Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as Treasurer (C00819730)

On August 10, 2023, the Commission found reason to believe (“RTB”) that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for failing to timely file 48-Hour Notices for fourteen (14) contributions totaling \$38,500 and made a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty was \$5,887 based on the schedule of penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.44. On September 25, 2023, the Commission received their written response (“challenge”). After reviewing the challenge, the Reviewing Officer Recommendation (“ROR”) dated November 21, 2023 was forwarded to the Commission, a copy was forwarded to the respondents, and is hereby incorporated by reference.

The Reviewing Officer recognized the past Treasurer’s inexperience, illness, and unavailability may have impacted the Committee’s ability to comply with reporting requirements. While sympathetic to the circumstances presented, the Reviewing Officer noted that a committee’s treasurer shall be personally responsible for the timely filing of reports. 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d). Moreover, inexperience, illness, and unavailability of the treasurer or committee staff 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 recommended that the Commission make a final determination that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$5,887. *See ROR.*

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). To date, a response has not been received.

The Reviewing Officer recommends that the Commission make a final determination that the respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty of \$5,887.

OAR Recommendations

1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 4662 involving Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination;
2. Make a final determination in AF# 4662 that Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as Treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a \$5,887 civil money penalty; and
3. Send the appropriate letter.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) AF 4662
 Final Determination Recommendation:)
 Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey)
 Bradford, in their official capacity as)
 Treasurer (C00819730))

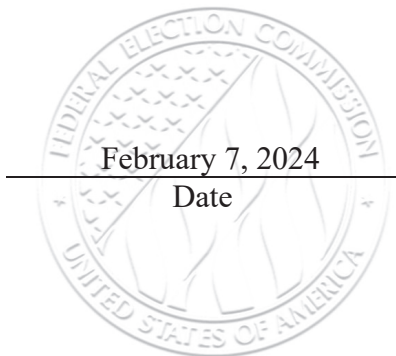
CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on February 07, 2024, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in AF 4662:

1. Adopt the Reviewing Officer recommendation for AF# 4662 involving Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as Treasurer, in making the final determination.
2. Make a final determination in AF# 4662 that Corrine Brown for Congress and Corey Bradford, in their official capacity as Treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a \$5,887 civil money penalty.
3. Send the appropriate letter.

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

Attest:



Vicktoria J Allen Digitally signed by Vicktoria J Allen
 Date: 2024.02.07 19:11:22 -05'00'

Vicktoria J. Allen
 Deputy Secretary of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 15, 2024

Corey Bradford, in official capacity as Treasurer
Corrine Brown for Congress
611 Appian Way
Jacksonville, FL 32208

C00819730
AF# 4662
FINE: \$5,887

Dear Corey Bradford:

On August 10, 2023, the Federal Election Commission (the “Commission” or “FEC”) found reason to believe (“RTB”) that Corrine Brown for Congress and you, in your official capacity as Treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for failing to timely file 48-Hour Notices for fourteen (14) contributions totaling \$38,500. By letter dated August 11, 2023, the Commission sent notification of the RTB finding that included a civil money penalty calculated at \$5,887 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.44. On September 25, 2023, 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 Corrine Brown for 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 \$5,887 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.44. The Reviewing Officer Recommendation was sent to you on November 27, 2023.

On February 7, 2024, the Commission adopted the Reviewing Officer’s recommendation and made a final determination that Corrine Brown 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 \$5,887. 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 must submit a written petition requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. This request must be made within

thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter and sent to the U.S. District Court for the district in which the committee or you reside or transact business. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(C)(iii). If you did not timely raise a factual argument in a challenge to the Commission's RTB finding, your right to present such an argument in an appeal to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109 shall be deemed waived. 11 CFR § 111.38.

2. If You Choose to Not Pay the Civil Money Penalty and to Not 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 and do not appeal the Commission's final determination to the U.S. District Court (see above), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Treasury will contact you to request payment within five (5) days of the receiving the debt. Treasury currently charges a fee of 30 percent 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 percent 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. 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 by Treasury to enforce recovery of a delinquent debt 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, please follow the payment instructions below. You should make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

You may remit payment by Automated Clearinghouse ("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 above to complete the required fields.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS**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.

Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission will be rejected. This includes 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. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rhiannon Magruder on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1158) or (202) 694-1158.

On behalf of the Commission,



Sean J. Cooksey
Chairman