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VIA E-MAIL TO CELA@FEC.GOV

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration
Attn: Christal Dennis
1050 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Chabot for Congress – RR 20L-04

Dear Ms. Dennis:

As counsel to Steve Chabot for Congress and Treasurer Natalie Baur (collectively, the “Committee”), we write in response to the above-referenced RAD Referral, which cites apparent reporting discrepancies and deficiencies on certain of the Committee’s 2019 Quarterly Reports.

As the RAD Referral recognizes, the reporting issues identified in this matter arise from apparent embezzlement and financial malfeasance against the Committee by its former campaign manager James Schwartz, Jr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] To the Committee’s knowledge, the criminal investigation into Mr. Schwartz remains ongoing. [REDACTED]

With respect to this matter, since the Committee was the apparent victim of Mr. Schwartz’s scheme, we request that the Commission find there is no reason to believe the Committee violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and close the file, or at minimum, submit the matter to ADR.

Very truly yours,



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

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and Natalie Baur, as Treasurer*