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REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL
TO
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE

DATE: November 19, 2024

ANALYST: Michael A. Williamson

I. COMMITTEE: A Strong Innovation Economy Requires
Strong IP Protection
C00853770
Emory Rogers, Treasurer
1909 K Street, NW 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20006

II. RELEVANT STATUTE: 52 U.S.C. § 30104(g)(1)
11 C.F.R. §104.4(c)

III. BACKGROUND:

Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules (Failure to Timely File 24-Hour Reports)

A Strong Innovation Economy Requires Strong IP Protection (“The Committee”) failed to timely file one (1) 24-Hour Report to support one (1) independent expenditure totaling \$47,033.00 disclosed on the 2024 July Quarterly Report, made during the reporting period after the 20th day, but more than 24 hours before the day of the election for the 2024 Primary Runoff Election held in the state of Georgia (Attachment 1).

On July 2, 2024, the Committee filed one (1) [24-Hour Report](#) to support one (1) independent expenditure totaling \$47,033.00 disseminated on June 3, 2024 and designated to the 2024 Primary Runoff Election in Georgia.

On July 15, 2024, the Committee filed the [2024 July Quarterly Report](#) covering the period from April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. The report included a [Schedule E \(Itemized Independent Expenditures\)](#) disclosing two (2) independent expenditures totaling \$97,033.00 made in support of two (2) Federal candidates. The Committee failed to timely

file one (1) 24-Hour Report to support one (1) independent expenditure totaling \$47,033.00 for the 2024 Primary Runoff Election in Georgia (Attachment 1).

On August 4, 2024, a [Request for Additional Information \(RFAI\)](#) was sent to the Committee referencing the 2024 July Quarterly Report. The RFAI noted the Committee may have failed to timely file one (1) of the required 24-Hour Reports of Independent Expenditures. A chart was included with the RFAI identifying one (1) independent expenditure totaling \$47,033.00, for which a 24-Hour Report was not timely filed.

On August 7, 2024, the Committee filed an [Amended 24-Hour Report](#) to support one (1) independent expenditure referenced in the RFAI totaling \$47,033.00. The report disclosed an updated dissemination date of June 5, 2024.

On the same day, the Committee filed an [Amended 2024 July Quarterly Report](#). The report included a [Schedule E](#) disclosing two (2) independent expenditures totaling \$97,033.00 made in support of two (2) federal candidates. [Memo text](#) was attached to the report stating:

“Updated independent expenditure dissemination date from 6/3 to 6/5.”

Since September 19, 2024, the Reports Analyst Division (RAD) logged two (2) communications with a representative of the Committee, which reflect efforts to help the Committee voluntarily comply with the Act in response to the matter referenced above. RAD was able to successfully connect with the Committee on one (1) of these occasions and notified Emory Rogers, Treasurer, the matter could be referred to another office at the Commission for further review (Attachment 2). To date, no further communications have been received from the Committee regarding this matter.

Filings and correspondence related to the Committee can be found here: [A Strong Innovation Economy Requires Strong IP Protection](#).

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24-Hour Report Not Timely Filed

Name of Payee	Date of Dissemination (Schedule E)	Expenditure Amount	Candidate Supported	Election	24-Hour Report Filed
Drive Public Affairs	6/5/24 ¹	\$47,033.00 <i>24-Hour Report Required</i>	Jack, Brian	Georgia-2024 Primary Runoff (6/18/24)	7/2/2024

¹ The dissemination date was disclosed as June 3, 2024 on the original 2024 July Quarterly Report. The Amended 2024 July Quarterly and Amended 24-Hour Reports filed on August 7, 2024 disclosed an updated dissemination date of June 5, 2024.