

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 )  
 ) MURs 4568, 4633,  
John and Ruth Stauffer; ) 4634, and 4736  
Sam Brownback for US Senate )  
and Alan Groesbeck, )  
as treasurer )

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene Harris, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on May 17, 2001, do hereby certify that the Commission took the following actions with respect to MURs 4568, 4633, 4634, and 4736:

A. Decided by a vote of 5-1 to:

1. Find probable cause to believe that John and Ruth Stauffer violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1).
2. Find probable cause to believe that Sam Brownback for US Senate Committee and Alan Groesbeck, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), but take no action at this time and send the admonishment letter, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated May 9, 2001.
3. Take no further action against Senator Sam Brownback, and close the file as to him.

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4. Take no action at this time, but leave the file open, as to:
    - a) Conservative Campaign Fund and Peter Flaherty, as treasurer;
    - b) Conservative Victory Committee and Leif Noren, as treasurer;
    - c) Eagle Forum PAC and Margaret Gaul, as treasurer;
    - d) Free Congress PAC and Keri Pendleton, as treasurer; and
    - e) Faith, Family, and Freedom PAC and Devin Anderson, as treasurer.
  
  5. Take no action at this time, but leave the file open, as to:
    - a) American Free Enterprise PAC and David Bauer, as treasurer;
    - b) Citizens Allied for Free Enterprise PAC and Diane Knight, as treasurer;
    - c) Citizens United Political Victory Fund and Kevin Allen, as treasurer; and
    - d) Madison Project, Inc. Fund and Timothy Teepell, as treasurer.
  
  6. Authorize contingent suit authority.
  
  7. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Smith dissented.

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B. Failed by a vote of 1-5 to pass a motion to:

1. Take no further action and close the file as to John and Ruth Stauffer.
2. Take no further action and close the file as to the Sam Brownback for US Senate Committee and Alan Groesbeck, as treasurer.
3. Take no further action against Senator Sam Brownback, and close the file as to him.
4. Take no further action against, and close the file as to:
  - a) Conservative Campaign Fund and Peter Flaherty, as treasurer;
  - b) Conservative Victory Committee and Leif Noren, as treasurer;
  - c) Eagle Forum PAC and Margaret Gaul, as treasurer;
  - d) Free Congress PAC and Keri Pendleton, as treasurer; and
  - e) Faith, Family, and Freedom PAC and Devin Anderson, as treasurer.
5. Take no action at this time, but leave the file open, as to:
  - a) American Free Enterprise PAC and David Bauer, as treasurer;
  - b) Citizens Allied for Free Enterprise PAC and Diane Knight, as treasurer;
  - c) Citizens United Political Victory Fund and Kevin Allen, as treasurer;
  - d) Madison Project, Inc. Fund and Timothy Teepell, as treasurer.

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6. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioner Smith voted affirmatively for the decision.  
Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold  
dissented.

C. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to pass a motion to:

Approve the conciliation agreement  
for John and Ruth Stauffer, as  
recommended in the General Counsel's  
Report dated May 9, 2001.

Commissioners McDonald, Sandstrom, and Thomas voted  
affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Mason, Smith,  
and Wold dissented.

D. Decided by a vote of 5-1 to:

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b)

2. Approve the appropriate revised letter to the Sam Brownback for US Senate Committee.

Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Thomas, and Wold voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Smith dissented.

Attest:

May 18, 2001  
Date

Darlene Harris  
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Deputy Secretary of  
the Commission

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