FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Americans for Job Security	)	MUR 6294
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STATEMENT OF REASONS
OF CHAIR ANN M. RAVEL, COMMISSIONER STEVEN T. WALTHER,
AND COMMISSIONER ELLEN L. WEINTRAUB

Last July, we voted to initiate an investigation into whether Americans for Job Security ("AJS") failed to register as a political committee and file the required reports in 2010. That year, AJS spent over $9.5 million in candidate-related advertisements, without disclosing its contributors.[1]

The Commission has now considered another complaint regarding AJS's failure to disclose its contributors on particular advertisements made in May of 2010. Consistent with our prior position, we voted – yet again – to investigate AJS for failing to report its contributors as a political committee.[2] Our colleagues again voted against an investigation.[3] As we have explained at length,[4] we continue to believe that the failure to investigate AJS contradicts the applicable law, and impairs the ability of citizens to make informed decisions in our elections.

5/15/15
Date

Ann M. Ravel
Chair

5/15/15
Date

Steven T. Walther
Commissioner

5/15/15
Date

Ellen L. Weintraub
Commissioner

[1] *See* Statement of Reasons of Vice Chair Ravel, Commissioner Walther, and Commissioner Weintraub in MURs 6538 (Americans for Job Security) & 6589 (American Action Network), dated July 30, 2014, *available at* http://eqs.fec.gov/eqsdocsMUR/14044362039.pdf
[2] *See* Certification in MUR 6294 (Americans For Job Security), dated Apr. 21, 2015.
[3] *Id.*
[4] *See* footnote 1, above.

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