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Rabbi Yoshiyahu Yosef Pinto
Mosdot Shuva Israel
122 East 58th Street,
New York, NY 10022

RE: MUR 6528 (Mosdot Shuva Israel, *et al.*)

Dear Rabbi Pinto:

On February 9, 2012, the Federal Election Commission notified you and Mosdot Shuva Israel ("Mosdot"), of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. A copy of the complaint was forwarded to you and Mosdot at that time.

On October 5, 2015, after considering all the information, the Commission took no action regarding you and Mosdot and closed the file as to both of you in this matter. The Factual and Legal Analyses are enclosed for your information.

On October 16, 2015, the Commission closed the entire file in this matter. This matter is now public. Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Emily M. Meyers", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Emily M. Meyers
Attorney

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9 represent New York's 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, Michael
10 Grimm solicited and received contributions from members of Mosdot Shuva Israel ("Mosdot"), a
11 religious organization with a large presence in the District, that violated various provisions of the
12 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.¹ Without sufficient information to support or refute the
13 allegations in the complaint with respect to Mosdot, in light of the statute of limitations regarding
14 this conduct, and in consideration of its priorities and limited resources, the Commission takes no
15 action and closes the file.

¹ Compl. ¶¶ 4-6 (Feb. 6, 2012) (citing Alison Leigh Cowan and William K. Rashbaum, *Rabbi's Followers Cast Doubt on Congressman's Fund-Raising*, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 28, 2012, at A1) (attached to the Complaint as Exhibit 1).

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12 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("Act").¹ Rabbi Yoshiyahu Yosef Pinto is
13 the leader of Mosdot. Given that Rabbi Pinto has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a
14 foreign country, and in light of the imminent expiration of the statute of limitations regarding the
15 allegations in the complaint, and in consideration of its priorities and limited resources, the
16 Commission takes no action and closes the file.

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