



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Atia Black

JUN 23 2015

Saint George, UT 84770

RE: MUR 6850
Atia Black

Dear Ms. Black:

On July 3, 2014, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint was forwarded to you at that time.

The Commission, on June 17, 2015, voted to dismiss the allegations as they pertain to you. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which more fully explains the Commission's decision, is enclosed for your information.

You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Columbo, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter G. Blumberg".

Peter G. Blumberg
Assistant General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

RESPONDENT: Atia Black

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I. INTRODUCTION

This matter was generated by a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by Maryann Martindale on behalf of the Alliance for a Better Utah. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1). Count I of the Complaint alleged that Jeremy Johnson made contributions in the names of others in June of 2010 to Friends of Mike Lee, the principal campaign committee of Mike Lee for Sen. Mike Lee's 2010 campaign, in the names of straw donors, including Atia Black. Compl. at 1-2.

II. ANALYSIS

The Complaint alleged that Atia Black served as a straw donor for Johnson's contributions in the names of others. Compl. at 2. The Act and Commission regulations prohibit making a contribution in the name of another or knowingly permitting one's name to be used to effect the making of such a contribution, 52 U.S.C. § 30122, including knowingly helping or assisting any person in making a contribution in the name of another, 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(b).

The presently available record evidence indicates that Atia Black's only participation in the alleged straw donor scheme was to allow her name to be used for Johnson's contributions. There is no evidence that she played a role in organizing or executing the reimbursements.

Accordingly, the Commission dismisses the allegation against Atia Black in the exercise of its prosecutorial discretion, as it has previously done in similar circumstances. *See Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985); *see, e.g.,* Certification, MUR 6054 (Venice Nissan, *et al.*) (Aug. 24, 2010) (taking no action and closing the file as to employee respondents who merely served as straw donors).

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III. CONCLUSION

Therefore, based on the currently available information, the Commission dismisses the allegation that Atia Black violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122.