FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MURs 6789 and 6852
Zinke for Congress
Ryan K. Zinke

Dear Mr. Lewin:

On March 11, 2014, and July 9, 2014, the Federal Election Commission notified your firm's clients, Zinke for Congress and Lorna Kuney as treasurer ("Committee") and Ryan K. Zinke, of two complaints alleging that the Committee and Zinke had violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On March 19, 2019, the Commission considered the complaints but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f), 30118(a), and 30104(b) or that Zinke violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) and 30118(a). In addition, the Commission was equally divided on whether Zinke violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102 and 30104 and 11 C.F.R. §§ 101.1 and 101.3 by filing his Statement of Candidacy late and failing to report testing the waters expenses. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Elena Paoli, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1548.

Sincerely,

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