

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

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TO:

The Commission

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SUBJECT:

MURs 7001, 7002, 7003, 7009 & 7455 (Ted Cruz for Senate) -

Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

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I. INTRODUCTION

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On July 31, 2018, the Commission found reason to believe that Ted Cruz for Senate and Bradley S. Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer (the "Committee") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(3)(E) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(d)(4) by misreporting loans totaling \$1,064,000 when it failed to properly disclose the source of the loans. The Commission authorized pre-probable cause conciliation and approved a conciliation agreement with an opening settlement offer of

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Under the circumstances

See Certification ¶¶ 3d, 3f (July 31, 2018) ("Certification"); Factual and Legal Analysis ("F&LA") and Conciliation Agreement ("CA"), MURs 7001, 7002, 7003, 7009, 7455 (Ted Cruz for Senate).

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here, we recommend that the Commission accept the Committee's counteroffer and close the file.

For these reasons, we believe that the Committee's counteroffer is an acceptable resolution of this matter, and we recommend that the Commission accept the proposed agreement and close the file in this matter.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Ted Cruz for Senate;
- 2. Approve the appropriate letters; and
- 3. Close the file.