



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MURs 7094, 7096, and 7098
Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.
and Bradley T. Crate in his official
capacity as treasurer
Donald J. Trump

Dear Ms. Sowards Newton:

On July 8 and 12, 2016, and September 19, 2016, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer ("Committee") and Donald J. Trump, of three complaints and a supplemental complaint alleging that they had violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On July 31, 2018, the Commission considered the complaints but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) and whether to take no action at the time as to Donald J. Trump. In addition, the Commission was equally divided on whether to dismiss the complaints based on prosecutorial discretion. *See Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in these matters.

Documents related to the cases 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 me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Y. Tran", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynn Y. Tran
Assistant General Counsel