

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | MUR 7153 |
| Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones |) | |
| in her official capacity as treasurer; |) | |
| Boston Globe Media Partners, LLC; Jim |) | |
| Messina; John Harwood; Jonathan |) | |
| Mantz; Maggie Haberman; NBC |) | |
| Universal; Paul Begala; Peter Huffman; |) | |
| Politico; Priorities USA Action and |) | |
| Greg Speed in his official capacity as |) | |
| treasurer; The Hill; The New York |) | |
| Times; Univision |) | |

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on July 13, 2021, do hereby certify that the Commission failed by a vote of 3-3 to take the following actions in MUR 7153:

1. Find no reason to believe that the *New York Times*, *Politico*, Maggie Haberman, *The Hill*, Peter Huffman, CNBC, John Harwood, the *Boston Globe*, and Univision violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(a)(1)(A), 30118(a) by making excessive or corporate contributions.
2. Find no reason to believe that Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b)(3)(A), 30116(f), 30118(a) by knowingly accepting or failing to report excessive or corporate in-kind contributions from media entities.
3. Dismiss the allegations that Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b)(3)(A), 30116(f) by knowingly accepting and failing to report an excessive in-kind contribution in the form of a debate question, and send a letter of caution to Hillary for America.

4. Dismiss the allegations that Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b)(3)(A), 30116(f) by knowingly accepting and failing to report excessive in-kind contributions from volunteer filmmakers, and send a letter of caution to Hillary for America.
5. Dismiss the allegation that Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30120 by failing to include proper disclaimers on the Filmmakers for Hillary website and videos, and send a letter of caution to Hillary for America.
6. Dismiss the allegations that Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b), 30116(f) by knowingly accepting and failing to report an excessive in-kind contribution from another political committee, and send a letter of caution to Hillary for America.
7. Dismiss the allegation that Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e) by soliciting, receiving, directing, transferring, or spending non-federal funds arising out of its interactions with Priorities USA Action.
8. Dismiss the allegations that Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer made, and Priorities USA Action and Greg Speed in his official capacity as treasurer knowingly accepted, unreported and excessive contributions, in the form of donor information in violation of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b), 30116(a)(1)(C), (f), and send letters of caution to Hillary for America and Priorities USA Action.
9. Dismiss the allegations that Jim Messina, Jonathan Mantz, and Paul Begala violated the Act in connection with Priorities USA Action's fundraising interactions with Hillary for America.
10. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated September 25, 2020, subject to the edits last circulated by Commissioner Weintraub's Office on Thursday, July 8, 2021.
11. Approve the appropriate letters.
12. Close the file

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Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented.

Attest:



Vicktoria Allen

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Vicktoria J. Allen
Acting Deputy Secretary of the Commission