



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: MURs 7190 & 7208 (Alaska Republican Party *et al.*)
Acceptance of Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

On August 20, 2019, the Commission found reason to believe that the Alaska Republican Party and Donald Handeland in his official capacity as treasurer (“ARP”) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30120(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(d)(2) by failing to include an adequate disclaimer in its communications.¹ The Commission also authorized pre-probable cause conciliation and approved a conciliation agreement

¹ See Certification ¶ 3c (Aug. 20, 2019).

² *Id.* ¶¶ 3e, 3f. On the same date, the Commission also found no reason to believe that ARP and Lisa Murkowski for U.S. Senate and Catherine Straub in her official capacity as treasurer (“Murkowski Committee”) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) regarding the reporting of transfers from the Murkowski Committee to ARP, *see id.* ¶¶ 3a, 3b, and was equally divided on whether to make a finding as to allegations that ARP, Tuckerman Babcock, and Rick Whitbeck made unreported, excessive in-kind contributions to Senator Lisa Murkowski and the Murkowski Committee. *Id.* ¶¶ 1, 2.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file.