

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

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The Commission

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SUBJECT:

MUR 7211 (Patrick)

Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation

I. INTRODUCTION

Attached is a signed conciliation agreement negotiated with Thomas H. Patrick. Attachment 1. The agreement would settle Mr. Patrick's violations of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(c) and 30120 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), for failing to disclose independent expenditures for public communications he distributed in August 2012, and for failing to include disclaimers in those communications. ¹

II. DISCUSSION

On July 11, 2017, the Commission found reason to believe that Mr. Patrick violated the Act by making independent expenditures for a mailer distributed in August 2012, and failing to file disclosure reports or include disclaimers for those communications. The Commission also authorized pre-probable cause conciliation

This matter is severely imperiled under the statute of limitations. Although we do not know for certain, we believe that the disclaimer violation expires under the SOL at the end of August 2017. The reporting violation expires on October 15, 2017.

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1	III.	RECOMMENDATIONS
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- 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Thomas H. Patrick;
- 2. Approve the appropriate letters; and
- 3. Close the file.