



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

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2 TO: The Commission  
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16 SUBJECT: MUR 7214 (Ohio Republican Party, *et al.*)  
17 Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation

18 On March 7, 2019, the Commission found reason to believe that the Ohio Republican  
19 Party State Central & Executive Committee and Tracey Winbush in her official capacity as  
20 treasurer ("ORP"),<sup>1</sup> violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(b) by disbursing \$489,875 in nonfederal funds  
21 for federal election activity, and authorized the use of compulsory process. On April 19, 2019,  
22 ORP provided a written response requesting pre-probable cause conciliation.  
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<sup>1</sup> ORP's treasurer at the time of the violation was Tracey Winbush. Its current treasurer is David Johnson.

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19 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 20           1.     Accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with the Ohio Republican  
21                     Party State Central & Executive Committee and David Johnson in his official  
22                     capacity as treasurer.
- 23           2.     Approve the appropriate letter.
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<sup>2</sup> In light of the repayment schedule, the revised agreement removes the requirement that ORP complete all actions required under the terms of the agreement within 30 days. *See* Attach. 1 at 5.