



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Margaret Hunter
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RE: MURs 7058 & 7233
Margaret Hunter

Dear Ms. Hunter:

On April 24, 2018, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that you, Margaret Hunter, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by converting campaign funds to personal use. A Factual and Legal Analysis setting forth the basis for the Commission's determination was provided to you at that time, and the Commission subsequently commenced an investigation.

In order to expedite the resolution of this matter, on July 15, 2021, the Commission authorized the Office of General Counsel to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. Pre-probable cause conciliation is not mandated by the Act or the Commission's regulations, but is a voluntary step in the enforcement process that the Commission is offering you as a way to resolve this matter at an early stage and without the need for briefing the issue of whether or not the Commission should find probable cause to believe that you violated the law.

If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it along with the civil penalty. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 60 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible. Accordingly, if you are interested in engaging in pre-probable cause conciliation, please contact, Richard Weiss, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1021 or rweiss@fec.gov, within seven days of receipt of this letter. In order to facilitate this voluntary step in the enforcement process, also attached is a tolling agreement for your signature on behalf of your client.

During conciliation, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the resolution of this matter. Because the Commission only enters into pre-probable cause conciliation in matters that it believes have a reasonable opportunity for settlement, we may proceed to the next step in the enforcement process if a mutually acceptable conciliation agreement cannot be reached within 60 days. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a); 11 C.F.R. Part 111 (Subpart A). Please note that once the Commission enters the next step in the enforcement process, it may decline to engage in further settlement discussions until after making a probable cause finding.

Pre-probable cause conciliation, extensions of time, and other enforcement procedures and options are discussed more comprehensively in the Commission's "Guidebook for Complainants and Respondents on the FEC Enforcement Process," which is available at https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/respondent_guide.pdf. This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed Designation of Counsel form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claudio Pavia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C".

Claudio J. Pavia
Acting Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures: