



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

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**VIA EMAIL TO:**

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Ronald Fein  
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RE: MUR 7243

Dear Mr. Fein:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on April 26, 2017, alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(j) of the Commission's regulations. On February 25, 2021, the Commission considered the complaint but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that CITGO Petroleum Corporation, CITGO Holding, Inc., Petroléos de Venezuela, S.A., 58th Presidential Inaugural Committee ("PIC"), Sara Armstrong in her official capacity as Chief Executive Officer of PIC, and Doug Ammerman in his official capacity as Designated Officer of PIC violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(j). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact Roy Q. Lockett, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lisa Stevenson  
Acting General Counsel

*Mark Allen*

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