



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20463

1 **MEMORANDUM**

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3 **TO:** The Commission

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17 **SUBJECT: MUR 7257 (TeaPartyExpress.org) – Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement**

18 On June 21, 2017, the Commission found reason to believe that TeaPartyExpress.org and
19 Kelly Lawler in her official capacity as treasurer (“the Committee”) violated 52 U.S.C.
20 §§ 30104(b)(4)(H)(iii), (b)(8), and (g) by failing to file 24-Hour and 48-Hour Reports of
21 independent expenditures and failing to itemize debts and obligations.¹ The Commission
22 authorized pre-probable cause conciliation and approved a conciliation agreement

23 Attached is a negotiated conciliation agreement that has
24 been signed by counsel to the Committee. Attach. 1. We recommend that the Commission
25 accept this agreement and close the file in this matter.
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¹ Certification, AR 17-02 (June 21, 2017).

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1 We believe this negotiated settlement represents an acceptable resolution of this statute-
2 of-limitations-sensitive matter. We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the signed
3 conciliation agreement with the Committee and close the file.

4 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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6 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with TeaPartyExpress.org and Kelly
7 Lawler in her official capacity as treasurer;
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9 2. Approve the appropriate letter; and
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11 3. Close the file.
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