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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of	)
	) MUR 7314
National Rifle Association of America;	)
National Rifle Association Institute for	)
Legislative Action; Alexander Torshin;	)
Maria Butina; Paul Erickson; Bridges,	)
LLC	)

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on July 09, 2019, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 2-2 to:
  - a. Find reason to believe that Alexander Torshin and Maria Butina violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a) by directly or indirectly making foreign national contributions, donations, or expenditures.
  - b. Take no action at this time with respect to the allegations that Paul Erickson and Bridges, LLC violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(h) by knowingly providing substantial assistance in the making or receipt of a prohibited foreign national contribution or donation.
  - c. Take no action at this time with respect to the allegation that the National Rifle Association of America violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting, accepting, or receiving a prohibited foreign national contribution or donation in connection with an election.
  - d. Authorize the use of compulsory process, including the issuance of appropriate interrogatories, document subpoenas, and deposition subpoenas, as necessary.

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- e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft the appropriate Factual and Legal Analysis.
- f. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

2. Failed by a vote of 2-2 to:

- a. Dismiss the allegations that Alexander Torshin and Maria Butina violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(b) by directly or indirectly making foreign national contributions or donations.
- b. Dismiss the allegations that Paul Erickson and Bridges, LLC violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(h) by knowingly providing substantial assistance in the making or receipt of a prohibited foreign national contribution or donation.
- c. Dismiss the allegation that the National Rifle Association of America violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting, accepting, or receiving a prohibited foreign national contribution or donation in connection with an election.
- d. Dismiss the allegations that Alexander Torshin and Maria Butina violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(i) by directly or indirectly participating in the National Rifle Association of America's decision-making process regarding its 2016 election-related activities.
- e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 28, 2019.
- f. Approve the appropriate letters.
- g. Close the file.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen voted affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Walther and Weintraub dissented.

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3. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to:

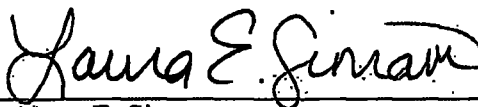
- a. Close the file.
- b. Send the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

7/10/19

Date



Laura E. Sinram  
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the  
Commission

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