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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Brad Woodhouse
American Democracy Legal Fund
455 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 650
Washington, DC 20001

Re: MUR 7314
National Rifle Association of America, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Woodhouse:

On July 9, 2019, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in the complaint, dated January 24, 2018, you filed on behalf of American Democracy Legal Fund, alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission was equally divided on whether to 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. In addition, the Commission was equally divided on whether to 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, and was equally divided on whether to 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. 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), effective September 1, 2016.

The Federal Election Campaign 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 Claudio J. Pavia, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1597 or cpavia@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

Jin Lee

Acting Assistant General Counsel

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