



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Federal Election Commission (“Commission”) has considered the allegations contained in the complaint filed by Michael S. Marquardt, dated April 30, 2018, but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe Hughes for Congress and David Hughes, in his individual capacity and official capacity as treasurer, violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (“Act”). Accordingly, on July 27, 2021, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission’s decision will follow.

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).

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission’s dismissal of this matter. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Don Campbell, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

*Saurav Ghosh*

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