



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

**VIA EMAIL**

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RE: P-MUR 611 / MUR 7425

Dear Ms. Sowards Newton:

On June 15, 2018, the Federal Election Commission (the “Commission”) received information in the normal course of its supervisory responsibilities indicating that your clients, Donald J. Trump and Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”). On June 20, 2018, your clients were notified of this information and provided an opportunity to respond. The Commission numbered this matter P-MUR 611. On July 18, 2018, the Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging violations of the Act, and on December 2, 2019, the Commission notified your clients of a supplemental complaint. The Commission numbered this matter MUR 7425.

On January 14, 2021, the Commission considered these matters but was equally divided as to whether to find reason to believe that your clients violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e). The Commission was also equally divided as to whether to find no reason to believe that Donald J. Trump violated the Act in connection with a \$25,000 donation to And Justice for All. In addition, the Commission was equally divided as to whether to dismiss the allegations that your clients violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(a) and (f), 30118(a), and 30125(e). On January 11, 2022, 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. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission’s decision will follow.

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

Sincerely,

*Charles Kitcher*

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