



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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Re: MURs 7291 & 7449  
DNC Services Corporation/Democratic  
National Committee and Virginia  
McGregor in her official capacity as  
treasurer

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On December 16, 2021, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe that DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee and Virginia McGregor in her official capacity as treasurer (the "DNC") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5)(A) and (b)(6)(B)(v) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(3)(i) by failing to report the proper purpose of the funds the DNC paid to Perkins Coie for opposition research performed by Fusion GPS.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter for your consideration

If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. This Office will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

MURs 7291 and 7449 (DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee, *et al.*)  
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If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a phone call in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Richard Weiss, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1021.

Sincerely,

*Mark Allen*

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