

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 7491
 American Ethane Co., LLC; John)
 Houghtaling; Conservative Louisiana and)
 Michele Reisner in her official capacity)
 as treasurer; Mike Johnson for Louisiana)
 and William Vanderbrook in his official)
 capacity as treasurer; Bold Strategies,)
 LLC; Kyle Ruckert; Konstantin Nikolaev)

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on June 22, 2022, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to:
 - a. Authorize pre-probable cause conciliation with American Ethane Co., LLC and John Houghtaling and approve the revised conciliation agreement, as recommended in the Second General Counsel's Report dated February 11, 2021, and as circulated by Commissioner Cooksey's Office at 9:52 a.m. on June 21, 2022.
 - b. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, and Walther voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Weintraub abstained.

2. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
 - a. Dismiss the allegation that American Ethane Co., LLC, and John Houghtaling violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by making

contributions in the name of another and 52 U.S.C. § 30121 by making prohibited foreign national contributions.

- b. Dismiss the allegations that Bold Strategies LLC; Kyle Ruckert; Conservative Louisiana and Michele Reisner in her official capacity as treasurer; Mike Johnson for Louisiana and William Vanderbrook, in his official capacity as treasurer; and Konstantin Nikolaev violated the Act.
- c. Close the file as to Bold Strategies LLC; Kyle Ruckert; Conservative Louisiana and Michele Reisner in her official capacity as treasurer; Mike Johnson for Louisiana and William Vanderbrook, in his official capacity as treasurer; and Konstantin Nikolaev.
- d. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub dissented.



Attest:

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Laura E. Sinram
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the
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