

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

August 3, 2021

Wim de Vriend

Coos Bay, OR 97420

RE: MUR 7512

Dear Mr. Vriend:

This is in reference to the Complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on October 12, 2018, and the Amended Complaint you filed with the Commission on November 5, 2018. After considering the circumstances of this matter, on July 13, 2021, the Commission dismissed the allegations that Pembina Pipeline Corporation, Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P., Jordan Cove LNG, LLC, and Jordan Cove LNG, L.P., violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(b) by making prohibited foreign national donations to Save Coos Jobs Committee and dismissed the allegation that Fort Chicago Holdings, II US, LLC, violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(h) by providing substantial assistance to the making of prohibited foreign national donations to Save Coos Jobs Committee. The Commission also dismissed the allegation that Save Coos Jobs Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly accepting or receiving prohibited foreign national donations and closed the file as to Save Coos Jobs Committee.

On July 13 and 15, 2021, the Commission was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe, and equally divided on whether to find no reason to believe, that Pembina Pipeline Corporation, Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P., Jordan Cove LNG, LLC, Jordan Cove LNG, L.P., and Jordan Cove LNG LLC PAC and Allison Murray in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(b) by making prohibited foreign national donations and that Fort Chicago Holdings, II US, LLC, violated 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(h) by providing substantial assistance to the making of prohibited foreign national donations. The Commission was also equally divided on whether to take no action at that time, and equally divided on whether to find no reason to believe, on the allegations that ChamberPAC, Coos County Alliance for Progress, Oregon Business & Industry Candidate PAC, Oregonians to Maintain Community Standards, The Roseburg Area Chamber PAC, Brad Witt for State Representative, Caddy McKeown for Representative, Citizens to Elect Carl Wilson, Committee to Elect Betsy Johnson, Committee to Elect John Sweet, Friends of Dallas Heard, Friends of David Brock Smith, Friends of Duane Stark, Friends of Gary Leif, Friends of Ray Lister, Friends of Tim Freeman, Friends of Tobias Read, Friends of Val Hoyle, Gomberg for State Rep, Peter

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Courtney for State Senate, and Werner for Oregon knowingly accepted or received prohibited foreign national donations. Finally, the Commission was equally divided on whether to dismiss, and equally divided on whether to find no reason to believe, the allegation that Knute for Governor violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly accepting or receiving prohibited foreign national donations. Accordingly, on July 15, 2021, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

The Factual and Legal Analysis and/or Statement(s) or Reasons, which more fully explain the basis for the Commission's decisions, 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 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 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 Thaddeus H. Ewald, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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