

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 7523
Stop I-186 to Protect Mining and Jobs;	)	
Sandfire Resources America, Inc.;	)	
Sandfire Resources, NL; Montana	)	
Mining Association	)	

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on July 13, 2021, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 2-4 to:
  - a. Dismiss the allegation, subject to *Heckler v. Chaney*, that Sandfire Resources America, Inc. and Sandfire Resources, NL violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121 (a)(1) by making prohibited foreign national donations.
  - b. Dismiss the allegation, subject to *Heckler v. Chaney*, that Montana Mining Association and Stop I-186 to Protect Mining and Jobs violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting, accepting, or receiving prohibited foreign national donations.
  - c. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated November 12, 2020.
  - d. Approve the appropriate letters.
  - e. Close the file.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioner Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented.

2. Decided by a vote of 4-2 to:

- a. Dismiss the allegation that Sandfire Resources America, Inc. and Sandfire Resources, NL violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(1) by making prohibited foreign national donations.
- b. Dismiss the allegation that Montana Mining Association and Stop I-186 to Protect Mining and Jobs violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting, accepting, or receiving prohibited foreign national donations.
- c. Approve the appropriate letters.
- d. Close the file.

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

Attest:



**Vicktoria Allen**

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Vicktoria J. Allen  
Acting Deputy Secretary of the  
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