



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MUR 7537

Dear Mr. LeBeau:

On November 1, 2018, you, on behalf of your client, Friends of Erik Paulsen, filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended. You were notified by letter of the action taken by the Commission regarding the complaint on September 30, 2021.

On February 6, 2024, the Commission rescinded its reason to believe findings in this matter and closed its file. Enclosed is a Statement of Reasons adopted by the Commission explaining its vote. This document will be placed on the public record as part of the file in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Wanda D. Brown

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Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure
Statement of Reasons



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
 Washington, DC 20463


BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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 Care in Action, Inc.) MUR 7537
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STATEMENT OF REASONS OF CHAIRMAN SEAN J. COOKSEY, VICE CHAIR ELLEN L. WEINTRAUB, AND COMMISSIONERS SHANA M. BROUSSARD, ALLEN J. DICKERSON, DARA LINDENBAUM, AND JAMES E. “TREY” TRAINOR III

The Federal Election Campaign Act requires the Commission to notify respondents of a complaint filed against them.¹ While Care in Action, Inc. was named in the Complaint in this matter, it was not notified prior to a finding of reason to believe, through no fault of its own.² On September 30, 2021, at the recommendation of the Office of General Counsel, the Commission found reason to believe that “Unknown Respondents” failed to report expenditures and include disclaimers on certain communications in violation of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b), (c) or (g), and 30120(a).³ Due to the failure to timely notify Care in Action and as a matter of procedural fairness, we voted to rescind the reason-to-believe findings in this matter.⁴

2/7/24
 Date


 Sean J. Cooksey
 Chairman

2/7/24
 Date


 Ellen L. Weintraub
 Vice Chair

¹ See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a) (“Within 5 days after receipt of a complaint, the Commission shall notify, in writing, any person alleged in the complaint to have committed such a violation. Before the Commission conducts any vote on the complaint, other than a vote to dismiss, any person so notified shall have the opportunity to demonstrate, in writing, to the Commission within 15 days after notification that no action should be taken against such person on the basis of the complaint.”)

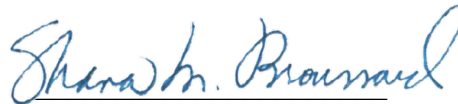
² See Compl. at 1, MUR 7532 (Care in Action). The Commission voted to merge MUR 7532 into MUR 7537. Certification at ¶ 8a (Oct. 4, 2021).

³ Certification at ¶ 8b, d (Oct. 4, 2021).


⁴ Amended Certification at 1 (Feb. 6, 2024).

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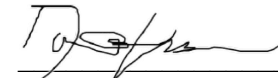
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Shana M. Broussard
Commissioner

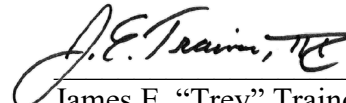
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Allen J. Dickerson
Commissioner

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Dara Lindenbaum
Commissioner

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James E. "Trey" Trainor III
Commissioner