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Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration
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General Counsel's Office,

The following is a response to complaint, MUR 7557, filed against Kopser for Congress on December 14, 2018. We believe no further action should be taken against Kopser for Congress in regards to this matter based on the below information.

- 1.) Lionel Dripps and the Center for Voter Information sent out mailers with information about Joseph Kopser without the knowledge of Kopser for Congress. The Center for Voter Information did not ask Kopser for Congress if they could do this, they did not inform Kopser for Congress about the mailers in any way nor make any contact with Kopser for Congress. We have confirmed this with every member of staff employed with Kopser for Congress during the general election. Joseph Kopser and the Kopser for Congress campaign have no knowledge of any contact or engagement with this organization.
- 2.) The complaint claims that the Center for Voter Information, a non profit organization, endorsed Kopser for Congress however the mailer sent out does not claim that the organization endorsed Kopser for Congress in any capacity. The mailer expressly states that the organization is not endorsing any candidates. Additionally, the mailer simply states Joseph Kopser and his opponent's stance on several issues that were publicly available.
- 3.) Upon further research, the Center for Voter Information appears to be controversial and sent questionable mailers to voters in multiple states and in many districts across the country. The Kopser for Congress campaign is not associated with the Center for Voter Information in any way nor does the Kopser for Congress campaign endorse the mailers that the Center for Voter Information sent out during the election cycle.
- 4.) Kopser for Congress is in the process of shutting down our campaign committee and has no funds left in the Kopser for Congress bank account to pay for any legal fees in regards to this matter.

We kindly request that no further action be taken against Kopser for Congress and this complaint be closed. We have demonstrated that there is no reason to believe that this complaint sets forth any possible violation by Kopser for Congress of the Federal Elections Commission Act of 1971. We are happy to provide any additional information needed and/or answer any questions you may have. Our Campaign Manager's name is Hilary Barrett and she can be reached at (801) 577-1093 and hilary@kopserforcongress.com.

Sincerely,



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