



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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February 23, 2022

Sheila Oxsher

Columbus, OH 43207

RE: MUR 7580

Dear Ms. Oxsher:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on March 18, 2019. On January 27, 2022, the Commission considered the allegations raised in your complaint and voted to dismiss the allegation that Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for Congress and Frank Llewellyn in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) and (b)(6) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(3) and (b)(4) by failing to include sufficient descriptions showing the purposes for, and misreporting the payee of, disbursements to Brand New Congress, LLC. The Commission was equally divided on (1) whether to find reason to believe, and whether to dismiss pursuant to *Heckler v. Chaney*, the allegations that Justice Democrats PAC and Natalie Trent in her official capacity as treasurer and Saikat Chakrabarti violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) by making excessive in-kind contributions to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for Congress; (2) whether to take no action at this time, and whether to dismiss pursuant to *Heckler v. Chaney*, the allegations that Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for Congress and Frank Llewellyn in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) by knowingly accepting excessive in-kind contributions from Justice Democrats PAC or Saikat Chakrabarti; and (3) whether to find reason to believe, and whether to dismiss, the allegation that Justice Democrats PAC and Natalie Trent in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) and (b)(6) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(3) and (b)(4) by failing to include sufficient descriptions showing the purposes for and misreporting the payee of, disbursements to Brand New Congress, LLC. Accordingly, on February 15, 2022, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

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). A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

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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 or tewald@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

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