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RE: MURs 7585 and 7588
Lori Trahan
Lori Trahan for Congress Committee and
Maria Cunha in her official capacity as
treasurer

Dear Ms. Keane and Mr. Berkon:

On March 21, 2019, April 3, 2019, May 8, 2019, July 15, 2019, and January 22, 2020, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Lori Trahan and Lori Trahan for Congress Committee and Maria Cunha in her official capacity as treasurer (the "Committee") of complaints alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On January 10, 2023, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by you, there is no reason to believe that: 1) Lori Trahan and the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) by knowingly accepting excessive contributions in the form of loans made by David Trahan; 2) the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by inaccurately reporting the dates loans were received and the Committee's cash on hand on its 2018 April and July Quarterly Reports; and 3) the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(3)(E) by failing to report the source of the loans reported to have been made on March 31, June 30, and August 23, 2018.

Additionally, the Commission determined to dismiss as a matter of prosecutorial discretion allegations that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(3)(E) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(d)(4) by failing to timely report the source of the loan reported on September 4, 2018, and 52 U.S.C. § 30102(h) and 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(a) by failing to timely deposit receipts. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

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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 the basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact me at apena-wallace@fec.gov or (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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