



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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Common Cause
Paul S. Ryan
805 Fifteenth Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005

RE: MUR 7645

Dear Mr. Ryan:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated September 23, 2019, but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that: Donald J. Trump and Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky; Rudolph “Rudy” Giuliani violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) by knowingly soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g), OR knowingly providing substantial assistance in soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(h), from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky; Lev Parnas violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) by knowingly soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g), OR knowingly providing substantial assistance in soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(h), from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. The Commission also considered the allegations that: Igor Fruman violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) by knowingly soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) OR knowingly providing substantial assistance in soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(h); and Victoria Toensing violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) by knowingly soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) OR knowingly providing substantial assistance in soliciting a prohibited foreign national contribution under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(h), but no motion to dismiss these allegations received the requisite votes for Commission approval. Accordingly, on July 26, 2022, the Commission voted to close the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission’s decision will follow.

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).

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The Federal Election Campaign Act 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 Aaron Rabinowitz and Nicholas Mueller, the attorneys assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1476 or arabinowitz@fec.gov and nmueller@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

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