

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20463

February 24, 2022

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**Lisa Roberts, Executive Director  
Maine Democratic Party  
320 Water Street, 3rd Floor  
Augusta, ME 04330

RE: MUR 7646

Dear Ms. Roberts:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated September 30, 2019, but the Commission was equally divided on whether to find no reason to believe that Susan Collins and Collins for Senator and Elizabeth McCandless in her official capacity as treasurer violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") and Commission regulations. The Commission was also equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that 1820 PAC and Thomas Datwyler in his official capacity as treasurer violated the Act and Commission Regulations, and there were insufficient votes to find no reason to believe or to dismiss the allegations against them. Accordingly, on February 17, 2022, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to these cases 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).

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 Ray Wolcott, the attorney assigned to these matters, at (202) 694-1302.

Sincerely,

*Ana J. Peña-Wallace*Ana J. Peña-Wallace  
Acting Assistant General Counsel