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## VIA ELECTRONIC AND REGULAR MAIL

Federal Election Commission Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal 1050 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20463

**RE: MUR 7664** 

Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 9 PAC, et al.

Dear Ms. Ross:

In reference to the above matter and on behalf of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union No. 9 PAC and Michael Maloney (collectively "Local 9"), kindly accept this correspondence in response to the information submitted by Rupert Baptiste on April 23, 2021 and as a supplement to Local 9's January 9, 2020 response, a courtesy copy of which is attached.

Once again, Baptiste's April 2021 submission references the Benevolent Fund ("BF"), the Industry Advancement Fund ("IAF" improperly referenced by Mr. Baptiste as the "Target Fund"), and the Building Fund; a settlement in the Superior Court of New Jersey and a by-law amendment. It should be abundantly clear to Mr. Baptiste that the FEC has no jurisdiction over the referenced Funds, the state court settlement agreement and the by-law amendment. Undaunted by the FEC's lack of jurisdiction, Mr. Baptiste continues pursuit of his frivolous assertions and baseless attacks against Local 9.

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In sum, Baptiste's "supplemental" submission is nothing more than a rant about a by-law validly passed by the membership with which he disagrees; a by-law that is wholly inapplicable to and never references the PAC Fund. Mr. Baptiste's refusal to comply with Local 9's by-laws should not be deemed a platform through which he is permitted to continue to denigrate Mr. Maloney and abuse the Federal Election Commission process. It is respectfully urged that Mr. Baptiste's complaint be immediately dismissed.

Very truly yours,

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ANDREW L. WATSON, ESQUIRE

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cc: Michael Maloney, Business Manager, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 9, via electronic mail