

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) MURs 7672, 7674 and 7732  
 Senator Joni Ernst; Joni for Iowa and )  
 Cabell Hobbs, in his official capacity as )  
 treasurer; Jobs Opportunity and New )  
 Ideas PAC and Cabell Hobbs, in his )  
 official capacity as treasurer; Iowa )  
 Values )

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on January 26, 2021, the Commission took the following actions in MURs 7672, 7674 and 7732:

1. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
  - a. Find reason to believe that Iowa Values violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102, 30103, and 30104, by failing to organize, register, and report as a political committee.
  - b. Find reason to believe that Iowa Values violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b), (c) or (g) by failing to file independent expenditure reports.
  - c. Find reason to believe that Iowa Values violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) by making a prohibited in-kind corporate contribution to Joni for Iowa through the republication of campaign materials.
  - d. Find reason to believe that Senator Joni Ernst and Joni for Iowa and Cabell Hobbs in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) by soliciting nonfederal funds.
  - e. Take no action at this time that Jobs Opportunity and New Ideas PAC and Cabell Hobbs as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125 by soliciting nonfederal funds.

- f. Dismiss as a matter of prosecutorial discretion the allegation that Joni for Iowa and Cabell Hobbs in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) by failing to itemize disbursements.
- g. Take no action at this time that Iowa Values made prohibited contributions in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30118 through coordinated communications.
- h. Take no action at this time that Senator Joni Ernst and Joni for Iowa and Cabell Hobbs in his official capacity as treasurer accepted prohibited contributions in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30118 through republished and coordinated communications.
- i. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated September 25, 2020.
- j. Authorize compulsory process.
- k. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor dissented.



Attest:

**Vicktoria Allen**

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Vicktoria J. Allen  
Acting Deputy Secretary of the Commission