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Re: MUR 7723

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We write as counsel to DNC Services Corp./Dem. Nat'l Committee (the "Committee") and William Q. Derrough in his official capacity as Treasurer of the Committee (collectively, "the Respondents") regarding the above-referenced matter, MUR 7723. Respondents received notice of this matter on March 26, 2020, and therefore, their response is due on April 10, 2020. However, Respondents respectfully request that their response time be extended for 60 days, until June 9, 2020.

As the Commission is aware, the United States is currently in the throes of a novel coronavirus pandemic, which three weeks ago President Trump proclaimed to be a national emergency. Further, Mayor Muriel Bowser of the District of Columbia, where the Respondents' primary headquarters and counsel are located, ordered that non-essential businesses with facilities in the District cease all but "Minimum Basic Operations" at those facilities until at least April 24, 2020. Under these circumstances, both Committee personnel and counsel are experiencing understandable disruptions to their business operations. An extension of 60 days would permit Respondents to safely coordinate their response to this complaint while ensuring the health and safety of Committee personnel and counsel.

We appreciate the Commission's consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Proclamation No. 9994, 85 Fed. Reg. 15,337 (Mar. 13, 2020), https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novelcoronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Closure of Non-Essential Businesses and Prohibition on Large Gatherings During Public Health Emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Mayor's Order 2020-053, 67 D.C. Reg. 0036008 (Mar. 24, 2020), https://coronavirus.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-orders-closure-non-essential-businesses.

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Very truly yours,

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