



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20463

August 30, 2021

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Josephine D. Thomas

Syracuse, NY 13209

RE: MUR 7764

Dear Ms. Thomas:

This is in reference to the complaint that you filed with the Federal Election Commission on July 24, 2020 concerning Friends of Dana Balter and Sterling Talob Wates in his official capacity as treasurer (“Committee”) and Dana Balter. After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to dismiss the allegations that the Committee and Balter violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114 and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1(g)(1)(I) by converting campaign funds to personal use in connection with salary payments to the candidate. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which more fully explains the basis for the Commission’s decision, is enclosed.

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).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission’s dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

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If you have any questions, please contact Delbert K. Rigsby, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1616 or drigsby@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson  
Acting General Counsel

*Mark Allen*

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Enclosure  
Factual and Legal Analysis