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RE: MUR 8204 (Pre-MUR 668)

Dear Mr. Carcana:

This is in reference to the matter involving alleged violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by Salvemos a Puerto Rico, a political committee registered with the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), and other persons, which your office referred to the Commission on January 21, 2021. On January 23, 2024, the Commission reviewed the information contained in the referral and decided to open a Matter Under Review (MUR). The Commission considered the allegations contained in your referral, but there was an insufficient number of votes to find reason to believe that Fundación Pro Igualdad, Inc. and Foundation For Progress, Inc., violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by knowingly and willfully permitting their names to be used to effect contributions in the name of another and an insufficient number of votes to dismiss the allegation that Fundación Pro Igualdad, Inc. and Foundation For Progress, Inc. violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by knowingly and willfully permitting their names to be used to effect contributions in the name of another. In addition, there was an insufficient number of votes to dismiss as an exercise of prosecutorial discretion the allegations that Salvemos a Puerto Rico and Joseph Fuentes-Fernandez in his personal capacity and in his official capacity as Treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by knowingly accepting a contribution in the name of another and violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a)(4) by filing inaccurate disclosure reports. There was also an insufficient number of votes to dismiss as an exercise of prosecutorial discretion the allegations that the following persons violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by making a contribution in the name of another: Alejandro Brito-Zubizarreta; Andrew Keys; AP Engineering, Inc.; Augustos McCloskey; BAE FE, LLC; Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC; Essential Insurance Services, Inc.; Jaap, LLC; LAS Enterprises; Little Pictures Corp.; Michael McCloskey; National Strategies Group, LLC; NGX Military Store; Northshore Management

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Corp.; and Richard Machado-Gonzalez. Accordingly, on January 23, 2024, the Commission closed the file in this matter. One or more Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

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).

We appreciate your cooperation in helping the Commission meet its enforcement responsibilities under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Bird, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1314 or lbird@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

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