



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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By Email & Certified Mail
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RE: MUR 7796
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Dear Mr. Baglietto:

On September 17, 2020, you were notified, in your official capacity as treasurer of Buzz Patterson for Congress of the complaint in this matter. On December 21, 2021, you were notified that the Commission had found reason to believe that Buzz Patterson for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, had violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (“the Act”) by failing to file reports of receipts and disbursements. The Commission subsequently investigated these violations. On August 1, 2022, based on information obtained in its investigation, the Office of General Counsel notified you of potential violations of the Act and Commission regulations in your personal capacity by failing to file disclosure reports and maintain all required records as treasurer of Buzz Patterson for Congress.

Upon review of the available information, on January 26, 2023, the Commission found reason to believe that you violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(c), (d) and 30104(a), (b) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.9 and 104.3(a), (b) in your personal capacity by failing to keep complete records and file reports with the Commission. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which provides the basis for the Commission’s finding, is enclosed for your information.

Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to this matter until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter.¹ You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this letter. If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notification or other communications from the Commission.

¹ See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

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In order to expedite the resolution of this matter, the Commission has authorized the Office of General Counsel to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. Pre-probable cause conciliation is not mandated by the Act or the Commission's regulations, but is a voluntary step in the enforcement process that the Commission is offering to you as a way to resolve this matter at an early stage and without the need for briefing the issue of whether or not the Commission should find probable cause to believe that you violated the law. Enclosed is a conciliation agreement for your consideration

If you are interested in engaging in pre-probable cause conciliation, or have any questions, please contact Richard Weiss, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1021 or rweiss@fec.gov, within seven days of receiving this letter. During conciliation, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Because the Commission only enters into pre-probable cause conciliation in matters that it believes have a reasonable opportunity for settlement, we may proceed to the next step in the enforcement process if a mutually acceptable conciliation agreement cannot be reached within sixty days.² Conversely, if you are not interested in pre-probable cause conciliation, the Commission may conduct formal discovery or proceed to the next step in the enforcement process. Please note that once the Commission enters the next step in the enforcement process, it may decline to engage in further settlement discussions until after making a probable cause finding. Pre-probable cause conciliation, extensions of time, and other enforcement procedures and options are discussed more comprehensively in the Commission's "Guidebook for Complainants and Respondents on the FEC Enforcement Process," which is available on the Commission's website at https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/respondent_guide.pdf.

² See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a), 11 C.F.R. Part 111 (Subpart A).

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This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. §§ 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish that the matter be made public. Please be advised that although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.³

We look forward to your response.

On behalf of the Commission,



Dara Lindenbaum
Chair

Enclosures:
Factual and Legal Analysis

³ The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).