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**Via Electronic Mail**

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RE: MUR 7853  
Lance Harris, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Spies and Ms. Reynolds:

Pursuant to your request, this Office circulated your response to the Commission's reason-to-believe notification. This letter is to notify you that on January 9, 2023, the Federal Election Commission voted to reject your request to lower the civil penalty in this matter. Insofar as the 30-day period for pre-probable cause conciliation has elapsed, please let us know if your clients wish to continue pre-probable cause conciliation. If not, this matter will proceed to the next stage of the enforcement process. Nevertheless, this Office is prepared to continue to negotiate with you and intends to send you revised language under separate cover.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 294-3097.

Sincerely,

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