



THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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To: The Commission

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Re: MUR 7853 (Lance Harris, *et al.*) – Recommendation to Accept Conciliation Agreement

I. INTRODUCTION

On May 12, 2022, the Commission found reason to believe that Lance Harris and Campaign to Elect Lance Harris and Blaine Hebert in his official capacity as treasurer (the “State Committee”) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e) by transferring non-federal funds to Stand for Truth, an independent expenditure-only committee, in connection with a federal election.¹ The Commission authorized pre-probable cause conciliation, approved a Factual and Legal Analysis (“F&LA”), and approved a draft conciliation agreement with a civil penalty of ²

¹ Certification (“Cert.”) ¶ 1, MUR 7853 (Lance Harris, *et al.*) (May 16, 2022). The Commission also found reason to believe Stand for Truth violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e) by receiving non-federal funds from Lance Harris and the State Committee, authorized pre-probable cause conciliation with Stand for Truth, approved an F&LA, and approved a draft conciliation agreement for Truth are ongoing. *Id.* ¶¶ 2, 4, 5 & 6. Negotiations with Stand

² *Id.* ¶¶ 3, 5-6.

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We believe that this agreement sufficiently vindicates the Commission's enforcement interests under the circumstances presented in this matter. Therefore, we recommend that the Commission accept the attached signed conciliation agreement and approve the appropriate letter.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the Conciliation Agreement with Lance Harris and Campaign to Elect Lance Harris and Blaine Hebert in his official capacity as treasurer; and
2. Approve the appropriate letter.