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April 6, 2021

Federal Election Commission Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal 1050 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20463

**Re:** MUR 7885

Dear Ms. Dennis,

This Response is submitted on behalf of Senate Leadership Fund (SLF) and Caleb Crosby, in his capacity as Treasurer by the undersigned counsel in connection with MUR 7885. The Complaint alleges that "American College of Radiology" is a federal contractor that made an impermissible contribution to SLF on December 21, 2020.<sup>1</sup>

SLF reported on its 2020 Year-End Report that "American College of Radiology" made the contribution at issue. Upon further review, and as confirmed by a representative of the contributor, the actual donor was "American College of Radiology Association." It is our understanding that the last word of the donor's name ("Association") was inadvertently omitted during electronic transmission of the funds. SLF amended its 2020 Year-End Report on March 18, 2021 to include the donor's full name.

The "American College of Radiology" is organized as a Section 501(c)(3) organization. The "American College of Radiology Association" is organized as a Section 501(c)(6) trade and professional association. (Recent IRS Form 990 filings for both entities are available on Guidestar.org.) The American College of Radiology *Association* is legally separate and distinct from the American College of Radiology. The Association's membership consists of individual radiologists, and the Association did not hold any federal contract during the relevant period, nor was it negotiating any federal contract during such period.

In the meantime, we note that this

Complaint's stated "cause of action" and "prayer for relief" pertains only to the contribution made by "American College of Radiology."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Complaint, at paragraph 8, alleges that SLF accepted impermissible contributions from five other donors during the 2020 cycle. The contributions from "Marathon Petroleum," "Amedisys, Inc.," and "Martin Marietta Materials, Inc." are the subjects of MURs 7843, 7846, and 7888, respectively.

As noted in the Complaint, SLF's online donation page requires affirmation that the contributor is *not* a federal government contractor. Complaint at ¶ 4. In addition, the written information that SLF provides to its prospective supporters and the contribution form that contributors fill out and return to SLF collectively include three separate notices that contributions from federal government contractors are prohibited. *See* Attachment A (notices highlighted).

SLF did not solicit any contribution from any federal contractor and the contribution at issue in this matter was made by an entity that does *not* hold any federal contracts. Accordingly, the Commission should dismiss the Complaint and close the file.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Josefiak Michael Bayes

Counsel to Senate Leadership Fund

Attachment

## **Attachment A**



## Memorandum

TO: Prospective Supporter

FROM: Senate Leadership Fund

SUBJECT: Contribution Information

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Senate Leadership Fund. This memorandum provides important information to prospective contributors concerning Senate Leadership Fund. It is not intended as an opinion letter regarding your particular circumstances, and you should consult your attorney or accountant on how this information applies specifically to your contemplated donation.

As an independent Super PAC, the Senate Leadership Fund is organized as a Section 527, federal independent expenditure political committee and as such is able to engage in independent political advocacy.

## Senate Leadership Fund has one goal: to protect and expand the Republican Senate Majority.

Our communications may directly advocate for or against the election of federal candidates, discuss their policy positions, or may consist of voter mobilization activities.

There are no limits on the amounts that may be contributed to Senate Leadership Fund by an individual, corporation, union, or trade association; however, Senate Leadership Fund is prohibited from accepting contributions from foreign nationals, other than from an individual with permanent residence status ("green card" holder). Contributions from federal government contractors are also prohibited. Contributions to Senate Leadership Fund are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Donations and disbursements of more than \$200 are itemized and disclosed to the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") on periodic reports which are made available to the general public on the FEC's' web site. When Senate Leadership Fund engages in express advocacy, it must also disclose those specific disbursements to the Federal Election Commission.

Should you have any qu	uestions concerning	Senate Leadership Fund or its efforts, please do not hesitate to
contact me at	or	@americancrossroads.org.

Thank you again for your interest and consideration in Senate Leadership Fund. I look forward to following up shortly.

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