



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20463

February 16, 2022

Marvin C. Daniel, Registered Agent  
Daniel Defense, LLC  
101 Warfighter Way  
Black Creek, GA 31308

RE: MUR 7889

Dear Mr. Daniel:

The Federal Election Commission (Commission<sup>1</sup>) has ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating that Daniel Defense, LLC may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”) and Commission regulations.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, it appears that Daniel Defense, LLC is a federal contractor and that it made a \$100,000 contribution to an independent expenditure-only political committee (“IEOPC”) for a political purpose or use, in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30119(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 115.2(a). Gun Owners Action Fund, an IEOPC registered with the Commission, reported receiving a \$100,000 federal contribution from Daniel Defense, LLC on January 6, 2021. We have numbered this matter MUR 7889. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The Act affords Daniel Defense, LLC the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against it in this matter. If Daniel Defense, LLC wishes to file a response, it may submit any factual or legal materials that it believes are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Daniel Defense, LLC’s response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless Daniel Defense, LLC notifies the Commission in writing that it wishes the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose

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<sup>1</sup> Notification is being provided to you pursuant to the Commission's Agency Procedure for Notice to Respondents in Non-Complaint Generated Matters, as published in the Federal Register on August 4, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 38,617).

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information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.<sup>2</sup>

If Daniel Defense, LLC intends to be represented by counsel in this matter, 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 notifications and other communications from the Commission. Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the referral until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

Any correspondence sent to the Commission must be addressed to **one** of the following (note, if submitting via email, this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

<b><u>Mail</u></b>	OR	<b><u>Email</u></b>
Federal Election Commission Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal 1050 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20463		CELA@fec.gov

As indicated in the FEC's Notice found at [https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/status\\_of\\_fec\\_operations.pdf](https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/status_of_fec_operations.pdf), the office's mailroom is open on a limited basis and, therefore, processing paper correspondence may be delayed. Accordingly, we strongly encourage you to file responses and additional correspondence via email.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Ross at [cela@fec.gov](mailto:cela@fec.gov). For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

*Mark Shonkwiler*

Mark Shonkwiler  
Assistant General Counsel

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<sup>2</sup> 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).