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 999 E Street, N.W.
 Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 7893 Gregory Gushee

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We are submitting this letter on behalf of Gregory Gushee in response to MUR 7893. Mr. Gushee has not made any contributions in the name of another, knowingly permitted his name to be used to effect a contribution in the name of another, and has not accepted any political contributions made by one person in the name of another. As to the allegations against William Wachtel, Mr. Gushee has no knowledge as to whether Mr. Wachtel has used straw donors to make contributions or otherwise violated campaign finance laws.

Mr. Gushee hosted a fundraiser for Andrew Yang for President (the “Yang Campaign”) in 2019 and invited Mr. Wachtel to contribute and attend. He later understood from Mr. Wachtel that Mr. Wachtel would not be able to attend the event, but had solicited two other individuals to contribute and attend. He did not understand Mr. Wachtel’s emails cited in the complaint to mean Mr. Wachtel was engaged in a straw donor scheme; instead he assumed that Mr. Wachtel had solicited the other individuals to contribute. He had no reason to believe any contributions related to his fundraiser were reimbursed or otherwise not made in the name of the true donor, and still has no indication of that – other than the allegation contained in the complaint.

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The fundraiser was organized by the Yang Campaign so that donors made their contributions directly to the Yang Campaign, who in turn notified Mr. Gushee of the contributors for the fundraiser. Thus, Mr. Gushee did not receive or handle any contributions from Mr. Wachtel, Paul Goodman, or Roy Moskowitz.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should find no reason to believe that Mr. Gushee violated the law and dismiss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Gross".

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tyler Rosen".

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