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**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

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RE: MUR 7901  
Ethan Owens, *et al.*

Dear Ms. Dearn:

On April 20, 2021, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your clients, Ethan Owens and Angela Fisher, violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). Specifically, the Commission (1) found reason to believe that Owens and Fisher violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(b)(3) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.15 by commingling campaign funds; (2) found reason to believe that Owens violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(h) and 11 C.F.R. § 103.3 by failing to deposit receipts in an account at a properly designated campaign depository; (3) found reason to believe that Owens violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(c), (d) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.9 by failing to keep and maintain adequate records; and (4) found reason to believe that Owens violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3 by failing to accurately report receipts, disbursements, and loans.

On December 15, 2022, the Commission considered the matter, but was evenly divided as to whether to (1) find reason to believe that Fisher misreported the Committee's treasurer in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30103(b), (c) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a)(1), (2), or (2) dismiss as an exercise of prosecutorial discretion the allegations that Fisher misreported the Committee's treasurer in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30103(b), (c) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a)(1), (2). In addition, the Commission determined to take no further action as to the allegations that (1) Owens misreported the Committee's treasurer in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30103(b), (c), and 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a)(1), (2); (2) Owens and Fisher violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(h)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 103.3 by failing to deposit receipts in an account at a properly designated campaign depository; (3) Owens and Fisher violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3 by failing to accurately report receipts, disbursements, and loans; (4) Owens and Fisher violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(b)(3) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.15 by commingling campaign funds with personal funds; and (5) Owens and Fisher violated 52 U.S.C. § 30102(c), (d), and 11 C.F.R. § 102.9 by failing to keep and maintain adequate records. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702

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(Aug. 2, 2016). A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Justine A. di Giovanni, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1574 or [jdigiovanni@fec.gov](mailto:jdigiovanni@fec.gov).

Sincerely,

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