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RE: MUR 7912 (SMP, *et al.*)

Dear Mr. Elias, Mr. Reese, and Ms. Mears:

On July 21, 2021, the Federal Election Commission (“Commission”) notified your clients, SMP and Rebecca Lambe in her official capacity as treasurer, Carolina Blue and Doug Heyl in his official capacity as treasurer, Highway 31 and Edward Still in his official capacity as treasurer, Red and Gold and Roy Herrera, Jr., in his official capacity as treasurer, and Sunflower State and Jim Jesse in his official capacity as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”). Copies of the complaint were provided to your clients at that time.

On January 24, 2023, the Commission considered the complaint and the information supplied by your clients, but there was an insufficient number of votes to find reason to believe or dismiss the allegations that your clients violated 52 U.S.C. § 30103(b)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a)(ii) by failing to report an affiliated committee, and 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3 by failing to properly report receipts and disbursements. 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 (Aug. 2, 2016), effective September 1, 2016. A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission’s decision will follow.

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If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Liu, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1273.

Sincerely,

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