



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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RE: MUR 7916
Rebuilding America Now and
Chris Marston in his official
capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Lehr and Ms. Hankins:

On October 27, 2021, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on behalf of your clients, Rebuilding America Now and Chris Marston in his official capacity as treasurer, in settlement of a violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed 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). Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B).

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Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty of \$20,000 is due within 30 days of the conciliation agreement's effective date. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1616 or drigsby@fec.gov.

Sincerely,



Delbert K. Rigsby
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the matter of)	
)	MUR 7916
Rebuilding America Now and)	
Chris Marston in his official)	
capacity as treasurer)	
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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated pursuant to information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission (“Commission”) in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that Rebuilding America Now and Chris Marston in his official capacity as treasurer (“Respondent” or “Committee”) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

I. The Committee is an independent expenditure-only political committee that registered with the Commission on June 2, 2016.

2. Chris Marston is the current treasurer of the Committee.

3. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), requires committee treasurers to file reports of receipts and disbursements in accordance with the provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30104. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 104.1(a). These reports must include, *inter alia*, the total amount of receipts and disbursements, including the appropriate itemizations, where required. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b); 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a).

4. On December 8, 2016, the Committee filed its 2016 30-Day Post-General Report disclosing \$2,272,681.95 in itemized contributions and \$1,842.99 in unitemized contributions. On November 2, 2018, the Committee filed an amended 2016 30-Day Post-General Report disclosing \$3,272,558.95 in itemized contributions and \$1,965.99 in unitemized contributions, resulting in an increase of \$1 million in total contributions.

V. Respondent violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by failing to report \$1 million in contributions on its 2016 30-Day Post-General Report.

VI. 1. Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(A).

2. Respondent will cease and desist from committing violations of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed the same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondent shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained within this written agreement shall be enforceable.

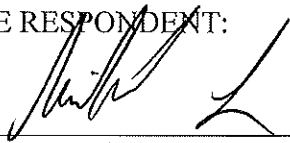
FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lisa J. Stevenson
Acting General Counsel

BY: Charles Kitcher
Charles Kitcher
Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

11/3/21
Date

FOR THE RESPONDENT:


(Name) Michael W. Lehr, Esq.
(Position) Counsel for Respondent

09/29/2021
Date