

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

June 27, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: MUR 7943 (Common Good Virginia, et al.)

Dear Ms. Sutherland:

On June 22, 2023, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated November 10, 2021. Based on that complaint and information provided in the responses, on June 22, 2023 the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") found: (1) no reason to believe that Common Good Virginia and Lillie Louise Lucas in her official capacity as treasurer ("Common Good Virginia"), Val Demings for U.S. Senate and Lauren Decot Lee in her official capacity as treasurer ("Val Demings for U.S. Senate"), and Val Demings violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 300.61; (2) no reason to believe that Common Good Virginia made, and that Val Demings and Val Demings for U.S. Senate knowingly accepted, prohibited or excessive in-kind contributions, in violation of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(a), (f), and 11 C.F.R. §§ 110.1(b)(1), 110.9, in the form of email communications; (3) no reason to believe that Common Good Virginia violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)(1) by making an excessive contribution by using its email list on behalf of Val Demings; (4) no reason to believe that Val Demings violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.9 by knowingly accepting an excessive contribution in the form of the value of Common Good Virginia's use of an email list on Demings' behalf at no charge or less than the usual and normal charge; (5) no reason to believe that Val Demings for U.S. Senate violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b) and 30116(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.9 by knowingly accepting and failing to report an excessive contribution in the form of the value of Common Good Virginia's use of an email list on Demings' behalf at no charge or less than the usual and normal charge; and (6) no reason to believe that Common Good Virginia violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(c)(1), (2), (g) and 11 C.F.R. § 109.10 by failing to report independent expenditures. Accordingly, on June 22, 2023 the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

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).

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The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's decision in this matter. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Christopher S. Curran, the staff attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 294-3097.

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Sincerely,

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