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June 16, 2022

RE: MUR 7971(RR 21L-42)  
Indiana Democratic Congressional  
Victory Committee and Jessica  
Garcia in her official capacity  
as treasurer

Dear Mr. Reiff:

On June 15, 2022, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your client's behalf 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).

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due within 30 days of the conciliation agreement's effective date. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1577 or [nmueller@fec.gov](mailto:nmueller@fec.gov).

Sincerely,

*Nicholas O. Mueller*

Nicholas O. Mueller  
Attorney

Enclosure  
Conciliation Agreement

**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 7971  
Indiana Democratic Congressional Victory )  
Committee and Jessica Garcia )  
in her official capacity as treasurer )

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Based on information obtained by the Commission about the Committee’s activity during the 2020 election cycle, the Commission found reason to believe that the Indiana Democratic Congressional Victory Committee and Jessica Garcia in her official capacity as treasurer (“Respondent” or “the Committee”) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”), by failing to timely and accurately report disbursements.

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:

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1. The Committee is the state committee of the Democratic Party in Indiana.

Jessica Garcia is the treasurer of the Committee.

2. The Act requires political committee treasurers to file reports of disbursements in accordance with the provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30104. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(1).

3. These reports must include, among other things, 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.

4. The Committee amended its 2020 12-Day Pre-General Report three times, with the final amendment being filed nearly six months after the original report, disclosing additional disbursements of \$315,342.85 on lines 22 and 30(b) of the report.

5. The Committee also amended its 2020 30-Day Post-General Report twice, with the final amendment being filed nearly five months after the original report, disclosing additional disbursements of \$733,058.45 on lines 21(b), 22, 23, 29, and 30(b) of the report.

6. The Committee contends that the errors involved in this matter were caused by inadvertent bookkeeping errors that the Committee discovered during an internal review of its records and filed prompt amendments upon their discovery. In addition, the Committee contends that it has made several upgrades to its procedures, staffing (including the retention of an outside compliance company) and software to ensure such errors are avoided in the future.

V. Respondent violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by failing to timely and accurately disclose disbursements.

VI. Respondent will take the following actions:

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1. Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) 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 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 requirement contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

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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 in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lisa J. Stevenson  
Acting General Counsel

BY:   
Charles Kitcher  
Associate General Counsel for  
Enforcement

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FOR THE RESPONDENT:

  
Neil P. Reiff  
Counsel for Indiana Democratic Congressional  
Victory Committee and Jessica Garcia in  
her official capacity as treasurer

5/23/22  
Date