

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20463

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1 2 **MEMORANDUM** 3 4 TO: The Commission 5 6 FROM: Lisa J. Stevenson 7 Acting General Counsel 8 Charles Kitcher 9 Associate General Counsel for Enforcement 10 11 Claudio J. Pavia 12 Deputy Associate General Counsel For Enforcement 13 14 Mark Allen MA 15 BY: **Assistant General Counsel** 16 17 Richard L. Weiss ρ/u 18 19 Attorney 20 MURs 7628, 7636 & 7992 (Kobach, et al.) 21 **SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Accept Signed Conciliation Agreement 22 23

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On April 28, 2022, the Commission found reason to believe that WeBuildtheWall, Inc. ("WBTW"), violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118 by making a corporate contribution by renting an email list below market value to Kris Kobach and Kris Kobach for Senate and Elizabeth Curtis in her official capacity as treasurer (the "Committee"). The Commission also found reason to believe that Kris Kobach and the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118 by knowingly accepting a corporate contribution.² Additionally, the Commission found reason to believe that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by failing to report the in-kind contribution from WBTW.³ The Commission authorized the Office of General Counsel to engage in pre-probable cause conciliation with Respondents and approved proposed conciliation agreements on May 26, $2022.^{4}$

Certification ("Cert.") ¶ 2 (Apr. 28, 2022).

Id. ¶ 3

 $Id. \P 4$

Id. ¶ 4; Cert. ¶ 2 (May 26, 2022).

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MURs 7628, 7636 & 7992 (Kobach, *et al.*) Memorandum to the Commission Page 2 of 2 We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the signed conciliation agreement with Respondents and close the file. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement; 2. Approve the appropriate letters; and 3. Close the file.