



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

January 30, 2023

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Tom Painter

Apple Valley, MN 55124

RE: MUR 8003
Kistner for Congress, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Painter:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on June 8, 2022, concerning Kistner for Congress and Thomas Datwyler in his official capacity as treasurer (the “Committee”), and Tyler Kistner.

On January 23, 2023, the Commission reviewed the allegations contained in the complaint and the information supplied by the respondents, but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe or no reason to believe that the Committee and Kistner violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1(g) by converting campaign funds to personal use. The Commission also dismissed the allegation that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i) by failing to provide an adequate purpose for the disbursements. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on January 24, 2023.

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). A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission’s decision will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1273.

Sincerely,

Crystal Liu

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Attorney