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June 27th, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request a formal investigation by the Federal Election Commission into campaign finance violations perpetrated by Patrick Ryan, who resides at New Paltz, New York 12561.

Mr. Ryan is a candidate for the special election in New York's 19th Congressional District which will be held on August 23, 2022. Mr. Ryan's Certificate of Nomination for the special election was filed with the New York State Board of Elections on June 10, 2022 and he has publicly represented himself as the Democratic Party's nominee for the special election.

In addition, Mr. Ryan is a candidate for New York's 18th Congressional District. The Democratic primary election for New York's 18th Congressional District will be held concurrently with the special election for New York's 19th Congressional District on August 23, 2022. Mr. Ryan filed his Certificate of Designation for New York's 18th Congressional District with the New York State Board of Elections on May 23, 2022 and, subsequently, filed designating petitions with the New York State Board of Elections for New York's 18th Congressional District on June 10, 2022.

On May 16, 2022, Pat Ryan for Congress, with an address of PO Box 2113, Kingston, New York 12402, filed a Statement of Organization with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") (Filing FEC-1594648) for New York's 18th Congressional District. Wyatt Brown is referenced as the Treasurer for Mr. Ryan's campaign committee and Amalgamated Bank as its financial institution. The FEC ID# is C00815290.

Subsequently, Pat Ryan for Congress, with an identical address, Treasurer and financial institution, filed a second Statement of Organization with the FEC (Filing FEC-1605172) for New York's 18th Congressional District on June 19, 2022. The FEC ID# is also C00815290.

Currently, Mr. Ryan has no active campaign committee to receive or expend funds for the special election in New York's 19th Congressional District. In fact, Mr. Ryan terminated the campaign committee associated with his failed 2018 campaign for New York's 19th Congressional District and filed a termination report with the FEC on August 8, 2019. For that

campaign, Mr. Ryan's committee was named Patrick Ryan for Congress and Judith Zamore was listed as the committee's Treasurer. The FEC ID# was C00647115.

While Mr. Ryan is formally a candidate for both offices, his only current federal campaign committee is organized for New York's 18th Congressional District. As demonstrated by his official filings with the New York State Board of Elections and his public representations. however, his is actively pursuing and raising campaign funds for both offices through one single federal campaign account.

To this end, I have attached an advertisement paid for by Pat Ryan for Congress soliciting prospective donors to visit Mr. Ryan's ActBlue fundraising portal to "[c]hip in now to help elect Pat and help keep New York's 18th Congressional District blue" as well as social media posts connected to the Mr. Ryan's ActBlue fundraising portal. The attached social media posts state, in relevant part, "[m]y name is Pat Ryan. I'm the Democratic nominee for Congress in the special election for #NY19" and "I'm thrilled to announce that I am running for Congress in the special election to replace Antonio Delgado this August."

Further demonstrating Mr. Ryan's improper conflation of his campaign finances, the attached images from the ActBlue fundraising portal indicate that contributions are being solicited "to help elect Pat Ryan in NY-19!"

With both the special election in New York's 19th Congressional District and Mr. Ryan's primary election less than two months away, I respectfully request that you investigate these campaign finance improprieties as quickly as possible to ensure Mr. Ryan's compliance with all applicable legal requirements designed to ensure a fair and transparent election process.

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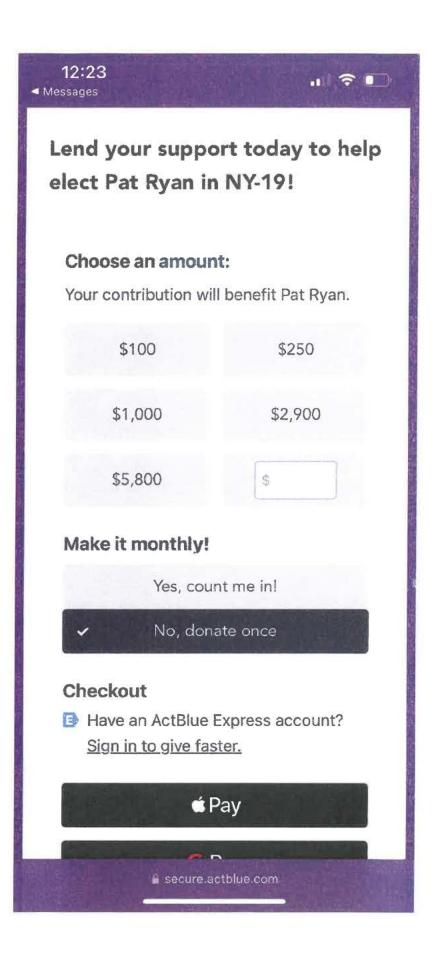
Thank You,

William Gunnar Truitt

Hyde Park, NY 12538

signed and sworn to Hyde P. beforeme on 6/27/2022

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