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VIA E-MAIL Mr. Roy Q. Luckett Federal Election Commission Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal 1050 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20463

### Re: Matter Under Review 8021 (Ohio Ordnance Works, Inc.)

Dear Mr. Luckett:

On September 14, 2022, the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") notified our clients, Club for Growth Action and Adam Rozansky, in his official capacity as treasurer (collectively "Club Action"), of a complaint filed on June 29 by the Campaign Legal Center ("CLC"). Attached is an executed Designation of Counsel form.

As an initial matter, the complaint – which was served outside the 5-day notification period provided for in 11 C.F.R. § 111.5 – neither names Club Action as a respondent nor alleges that Club Action did anything impermissible. Thus, Club Action should be dismissed from this matter at the threshold.

Furthermore, the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("FECA"), imposes liability only on political committees that "knowingly" solicit a contribution in violation of the federal contractor ban. See 52 U.S.C. § 30119; see also 11 C.F.R. §§ 115.1 et seq. Here, Club Action was unaware of Ohio Ordnance Works, Inc.'s potential status as a federal contractor until after CLC filed its complaint. Indeed, Club Action regularly warns prospective contributors that it cannot accept contributions from federal contractors. See Attachment A (informing Ohio Ordnance Works that "[c]ontributions from foreign nationals (non-Green Card holders), government contractors and national banks are prohibited"). Because Club Action did not "knowingly" solicit a contribution from a federal contractor in violation of the FECA, the Commission should dismiss Club Action from this matter on substantive grounds as well.

Finally, we understand that Ohio Ordnance Works disputes that it was a federal contractor at the time of the contribution. If the Commission determines that the company was a federal contractor covered by the ban, Club Action will refund the contribution.

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Best regards,

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Enclosures

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\* OCCUPATION MANUFACTURING \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OHIO ORDNANCE WORK, INC

#### DONATION INFORMATION

### CLUB FOR GROWTH ACTION \$ 100,000.00

There is no legal limitation on the amount you may contribute to Club for Growth Action.

I Please check this box if you are making a corporate contribution.

To contribute by check, please make your personal or corporate check payable to "Club for Growth Action" and return to the address below.

If you have any questions or require additional information please call Marissa Akers at 202.955.5500

#### CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

□ Please check this box to make your contribution a monthly recurring contribution.

□ Visa □ MasterCard □ AmericanExpress □ Discover

Expiration date\_\_\_\_ Card Number

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ CVV/Sec. code \_\_\_\_

Signature

#### WIRE TRANSFER INFORMATION

Attachment A

Bank: Sun Trust Bank
Bank Address: 1445 New York Ave. NW Washington, DC 20005
Routing:
Account:
Account Name: Club for Growth Action

Contributions to Club for Growth Action are not tax deductible. Contributions from foreign nationals (non-Green Card holders), government contractors and national banks are prohibited. Club for Growth Action is an independent expenditure committee established by the Club for Growth. Your contribution to Club for Growth Action affirms your membership in the Club for Growth.

\* Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation, and employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.

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