



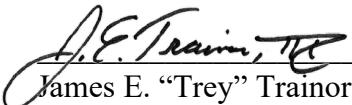
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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Unknown Respondents)	MURs 8017 and 8023
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STATEMENT OF REASONS OF COMMISSIONERS ALLEN J. DICKERSON, DARA LINDENBAUM AND JAMES E. "TREY" TRAINOR, III

The Complaints in these matters allege that Unknown Respondents violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104, 30120 by sending mailers containing express advocacy without disclaimers and by failing to report the activity to the Commission.¹ Such alleged violations require the Commission to analyze, *inter alia*, whether the mailers contain express advocacy.² The mailers attached to the MUR 8017 Complaint were difficult to analyze because the mailers appeared to be missing pages and it was not clear which pages constituted the fronts and backs of each mailer.³ Given the demands of a busy enforcement docket, our scarce enforcement resources are better devoted to Complaints that clearly present the facts and violations. We therefore voted to dismiss these matters pursuant to the Commission's prosecutorial discretion.⁴

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Date	Allen J. Dickerson
	Commissioner
<u>4/22/24</u>	
Date	Dara Lindenbaum
	Commissioner
<u>4/22/24</u>	
Date	James E. "Trey" Trainor, III
	Commissioner

¹ MUR 8017 Compl. (June 16, 2022); MUR 8023 Compl. (July 8, 2022).

² See 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(b).

³ See MUR 8017 Compl., Exs. 1-5.

⁴ See *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985); Certification ¶ 2 (Mar. 29, 2024).