

December 1, 2022

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

James C. Thomas Treasurer Dr Jay for Congress, Inc.

Ellicott City, MD 21043

RE: MUR 8029

Dr Jay for Congress, Inc.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On November 23, 2022, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and \$500 civil penalty in settlement of a violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(b), 104.5(a), provisions of the Commission's regulations. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

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). Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B).

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due within 30 days of the conciliation agreement's effective date. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1273.

Sincerely,

Crystal Liu Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

cc: Dr. Jay Jalisi

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the matter of)	
)	MUR 8029
Dr Jay for Congress, Inc., and)	
James C. Thomas in his official)	
capacity as treasurer)	
)	

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated pursuant to information ascertained by the Federal Election

Commission in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The

Commission found reason to believe that Dr Jay for Congress, Inc., and James C. Thomas in his

official capacity as treasurer ("Respondent" or "Committee") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and

11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(b), 104.5(a).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

- I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this Agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(A)(i).
- II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.
 - III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this Agreement with the Commission.
 - IV. The pertinent facts and law in this matter are as follows:
- The Committee is the principal campaign committee for Jay Jalisi and it registered with the Commission on November 25, 2019. James C. Thomas is the treasurer.

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- 2. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and Commission regulations require committee treasurers to file reports of receipts and disbursements in accordance with the provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30104. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 104.1(a). These reports must include, *inter alia*, the total amount of receipts and disbursements, including the appropriate itemizations, where required. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b); 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a), (b).
- 3. In addition to regular quarterly reports, in any year where there is an election for which a candidate is seeking election, or nomination for election, the treasurer of the principal campaign committee must file a pre-election report, which shall be filed no later than the 12th day before an election, as well as a post-general election report, which shall be filed no later than the 30th day after a general election. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(2)(i), (ii); 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(a)(2). "The pre-election report must disclose all receipts and disbursements as of the 20th day before a primary or general election." 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(a)(2)(i)(B); see also 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(2), (4).
- 4. In its 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report, received January 25, 2020, the Committee did not disclose any disbursements. On March 26, 2020, the Committee filed an Amended 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report disclosing \$62,091.73 in disbursements for operating expenses. Thus, the Committee failed to report a total of \$62,091.73 in disbursements in its original 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report.
- V. Respondent violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(b), 104.5(a) by failing to report disbursements in its original 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report.
 - VI. Respondent will take the following actions:

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- 1. Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(A). In ordinary circumstances, the Commission would seek a civil penalty based on the violation outlined in the Agreement. However, the Commission is taking into account that the Committee represents that it intends to terminate, is defunct, has no cash on hand, and has a limited ability to raise any additional funds. If evidence is uncovered indicating that the Committee's financial condition is not as represented, a civil penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) will be immediately due, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 111.24(a)(1).
- Respondent will cease and desist from committing violations of 52 U.S.C.
 § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(b), 104.5(a).
- VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 52 U.S.C.
 § 30109(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review
 compliance with this Agreement. If the Commission believes that this Agreement or any
 requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States
 District Court for the District of Columbia.
- VIII. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed the same and the Commission has approved the entire Agreement.
- IX. Respondent shall have no more than 30 days from the date this Agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this Agreement and to so notify the Commission.
- X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or

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oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained within this written

Agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lisa J. Stevenson

Acting General Counsel

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Charles Kitcher

Associate General Counsel

for Enforcement

12/1/22

Date

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Dr Jay for Congress, Inc. and

James C. Thomas in his official capacity as treasurer

10/18/22 Date