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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY SYSTEM
DISMISSAL REPORT

MUR: 8081

Respondent: J.R. Majewski for Congress and J.R.
Majewski in his official capacity as
treasurer

Complaint Receipt Date: October 26, 2022**Response Date:** December 8, 2022

Alleged Statutory and Regulatory Violations: 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b); 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(a) and (b), 116.2(c)

The Complaint alleges that J.R. Majewski for Congress and J.R. Majewski in his official capacity as treasurer (the “Committee”), the principal campaign committee of 2022 candidate for Ohio’s 9th Congressional district, J.R. Majewski, violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by failing to report a debt in the amount of \$10,000 to AM Strategy Group for fundraising consulting services.¹ According to the Complaint, Majewski, on behalf of the Committee, signed a contract with AM Strategy Group on March 7, 2022, for fundraising consulting services and AM Strategy Group rendered services according to the terms of the agreement.² The Complaint alleges, however, that despite sending invoices to the Committee on multiple occasions, the Committee has failed to pay what it owes and, therefore, should have listed a debt to AM Strategy Group in the amount of \$10,000 on the relevant disclosure report.³

¹ Compl. ¶¶ 1, 3 (Oct. 26, 2022); *id.*, Attach. C (letter from AM Strategy Group to Majewski dated June 28, 2022, notifying Majewski of the debt and asking the Committee to either pay the debt or else report it on its FEC disclosure report).

² *Id.* ¶ 1. The Complaint states that, per the terms of the agreement, payment was supposed to be remitted within 10 days of receipt of the first invoice on April 1, 2022. Compl. ¶ 5; *id.*, Attach. D (contract between AM Strategy Group and J.R. Majewski for Congress dated March 7, 2022).

³ *Id.* ¶¶ 5-10.

1 The Committee’s Response, submitted by the former treasurer, characterizes the debt as
2 “disputed” and asserts that the treasurer was unaware of the disputed debt until the Complaint
3 was filed, and that the Committee’s reports have been amended to reflect the debt.⁴ A review of
4 the Committee’s 2022 Pre-General Report confirms that on November 11, 2022, the Committee
5 disclosed a debt to AM Strategy Group in the amount of \$10,000.⁵ Finally, the Response
6 contends that the matter is a “contract dispute” over which the Commission has no jurisdiction.⁶

7 Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement
8 Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and
9 assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These
10 criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of
11 activity and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had
12 on the electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent
13 trends in potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low
14 priority for Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low
15 rating, and the low dollar amount at issue, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the
16 Complaint consistent with the Commission’s prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper

⁴ Resp. at 1 (Dec. 8, 2022). The Response was submitted by Sean Tarnowski, Committee treasurer at the time of the Complaint. J.R. Majewski for Congress, Statement of Organization (Apr. 14, 2023), <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/684/202304149580426684/202304149580426684.pdf>.

⁵ J.R. Majewski for Congress, 2022 Amended Pre-General Report at 74 (Nov. 11 2022), <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/844/202211109546751844/202211109546751844.pdf>.

⁶ Resp. at 1.

ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources.⁷ We also recommend that the Commission close the file as to the Respondent and send the appropriate letters.

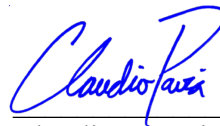
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⁷ *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985).