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RE: MUR 8125  
DCCC, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Backer:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your Complaint dated April 12, 2023, and on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by respondents, the Commission voted to dismiss the allegations that (1) the DCCC and Julie Merz in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) and 30125(a)(1) by making disbursements for impermissible purposes from its recounts and other legal proceedings account under 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a)(9)(C) to the Elias Law Group for “RECOUNT LEGAL SVCS,” (2) the DCCC and Julie Merz in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by misreporting the purpose of disbursements to the Elias Law Group, and (3) the Elias Law Group violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) and 30125(a)(1) by receiving disbursements from the DCCC’s recounts and other legal proceedings account under 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a)(9)(C) for “RECOUNT LEGAL SVCS.” Accordingly, on August 13, 2024, the Commission voted to close the file effective September 16, 2024.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record today. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). Any applicable Factual and Legal Analysis or Statements of Reasons available at the time of this letter’s transmittal are enclosed.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission’s dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If

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you have any questions, please contact Rachel Coll, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1611.

Sincerely,

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