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SAMANTHA MEADOWS FOR CONGRESSMay 7th, 2024

Federal Election Commission

General Counsel's Office

RE: MUR 8202

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to take the opportunity to respond to the complaint, MUR 8202, filed against me, as campaign treasurer, and my campaign. I would like to open by saying that the complaint was filed against me by Mr. Alan Darnowsky, my opponent for the Democratic primary in 2022. Mr. Darnowsky lost by a landslide and has been personally attacking my character since that loss. I ran again in the Democratic primary in 2024. Mr. Darnowsky was volunteering for my opponent's campaign, continuing his attacks on me. Realizing that I was the people's favorite, as the primary came closer, Mr. Darnowsky filed this complaint. I believe his motivation for filing was not an authentic concern but motivated by an attempt to cast doubt on my character, finances, honesty, and transparency.

However, in filing the complaint, he has made me a better candidate. As my records reflect, my campaign was small. I had very little help and donations were meager. I was new to politics and learning as I went. I was unfamiliar with campaign finances yet unable to find someone to volunteer their services. I could not afford an accountant. I worked with my appointed liaison, Chris Jones, on learning the software and how to submit reports. It was complicated but I did my best to make sure that everything I received and spent was accounted for, on the record. I acknowledge that I did not have a thorough understanding of the process and failed to itemize items correctly.

Since receiving the complaint, I have hired a Certified Public Accountant, Aaron Dickerson. He will be continuing to track our finances throughout the rest of this campaign cycle in 2024. We will be filing on time and accurately. We have worked diligently together to correct any errors and amend reports, from 2022, to reflect all money incoming and outgoing. Together, we are confident that our records will be kept current and reflect the transparency of the campaign.

In Mr. Darnowsky's complaint, he specifically questioned payments to AT&T. As with most candidates and campaigns, we must have access to cell phones. This is now reflected in the record. As for "Blue Consulting," we paid for social media consulting purposes at a fair market rate. In the state of Ohio, an individual working as a sole proprietor has different filing obligations than an LLC. However, it was an error on my part not to put the person's name,

Brooksie Blue, rather than Blue Consulting. We have made a note to make this change to the record.

In closing, I am asking that no action be taken on this complaint against Samantha Meadows for Congress and me in my official capacity as treasurer. I am acting in good faith to rectify any errors and amending reports and committing to having the professional guidance of a CPA to remain compliant with the Federal Campaign Act of 1971.

Sincerely,

Samantha Meadows

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Democratic Candidate

Ohio's 2nd Congressional District

Meadows for Congress

Treasurer