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Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE
Washington D.C. 20463
Sent via regular US Mail and email at EnfComplaint@fec.gov

Dear Federal Elections Commission:

I am writing with a formal complaint based on my belief that a violation of the federal elections campaign laws and Commission regulations has occurred by The Republicans of Northeast Ohio and its operator, Edward Davidian. As you will see from the attached documents from the Summit County Board of Elections, this committee registered as PAC under the laws of the State of Ohio on January 26, 2024. See attached Exhibit A. The only named responsible party of this PAC is Edward Davidian.

The basis for my complaint is as follows:

Immediately prior to March 1, 2024, The Republicans of Northeast Ohio mailed a public political communication advocating for the election of three federal candidates, President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Candidate Frank Larose, and U.S. Representative Candidate Chris Banweg, in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (hereafter "The Act"). See attached Exhibit B. This public political communication was received in the mail by registered Republican voters across Summit County, Ohio on March 1, 2024.

First, The Republicans of Northeast Ohio and Edward Davidian have violated the Act by engaging in federal electioneering because they are not a federal PAC nor a political party. They have "expressly advocated" for the election of three federal candidates because the electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous, and suggestive of only one meaning and reasonable minds could not differ as to whether it encourages actions to elect one or more federal candidates. 11 C.F.R. 100.22; See also 2 U.S.C. 434(c)(1) and 11 C.F.R. 109.10.

Second, under the Act, a public communication, such as a mass mailing, that expressly advocates for the election of a clearly identified candidate that is not authorized by a candidate, an authorized committee or a candidate or its agents, must clearly state the name and permanent address, telephone number or website address of the person who paid for the

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communication and state that the communication is not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. 2 U.S.C. 441d(a)(3). Further, the Act also requires that the disclaimer be of sufficient type size to be clearly readable and be contained in a printed box set apart from the other content of the communication. Id, 441d(c). This public communication is in clear violation of all of these provisions concerning the required disclaimers.

Accordingly, we ask that this Honorable Committee immediately investigate The Republicans of Northeast Ohio and its responsible party, Edward Davidian, and appropriately find they have engaged in Federal Election Commission violations and sanction them each as may be appropriate.

If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me. In addition to the contact information contained herein, I can also be reached at corinne@hooverkacyon.com.

Sincerely,

Corinne Hoover Six

Attorney At Law

The above statement was affirmed and sworn to and before me under penalty of perjury by the above-named Corinne Hoover Six this / day of March 2024.

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Dennelle Goff
Resident Summit County
Notary Public, State of Ohlo
My Commission Expires:
August 13, 2024

Notary Public

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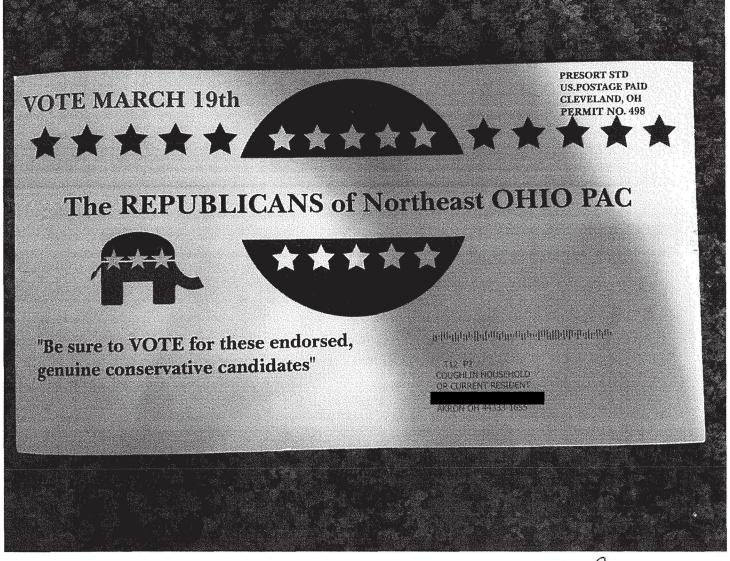
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FRANK LAROSE for US Senate

#### **CHRIS BANWEG for US Congress**



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for Summit County Council **District 3** 

Bill Roemer, 31st District State Represenative Mary Stormer, 32nd District State Represenative Adam Bozic, 34th District State Represenative Steve Demetriou, 35th District State Representative Jennifer Hensal, 9th District Court of Appeals Judge John W. Greven, Summit County Prosecutor Katie Reed, Summit County Clerk of Courts Shane Barker, Summit County Sheriff Scott W. Sigel, Summit County Fiscal Officer Yulia Gray, Summit County Council District 1 Cynthia D. Blake, Summit County Council District 5 Nick Rubino, Summit County Council District 6 Bethany McKenney, Summit County Council District 7 Kyle E. Burke, Summit County Council District 8 Joseph James Darwal, Common Pleas Court Judge Susan K. Steinhauer, Common Pleas Court Judge Amanda Sulfeccol, 27th District State Central Committeewoman Debbie Walsh, 28th Diatrict State Central Committeewoman John Laissler, State Senate 28th District

### TAKE THIS INFO WITH YOU TO THE POLLS

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