



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 2, 2025

**VIA EMAIL & UPS SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

Phil Plummer, Chairman  
Montgomery County Republican Party  
4130 Linden Avenue, Suite 190  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

RE: MUR 8229

Dear Mr. Plummer:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on March 11, 2024, concerning the alleged failure to timely file a Statement of Candidacy. After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to dismiss this matter and voted to close the file, effective January 2, 2025. The EPS Dismissal Report, which more fully explains the Commission's findings is enclosed.

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).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action within 60 days of the dismissal, which became effective today. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact the attorney assigned to this case, Nicholas Mueller, at (202) 694-1577 or [nmueller@fec.gov](mailto:nmueller@fec.gov).

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson  
Acting General Counsel

*Wanda D. Brown*

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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY SYSTEM**  
**DISMISSAL REPORT**

**MUR:** 8229

**Respondents:** Amy Cox for Congress and Amy Cox  
in her official capacity as treasurer  
Amy Cox

**Complaint Receipt Date:** March 11, 2024

**Response Date:** March 26, 2024



**Alleged Statutory and** 52 U.S.C. § 30102(e)(1)  
**Regulatory Violations:** 11 C.F.R. § 101.1(a)

The Complaint alleges that Amy Cox, and her principal campaign committee, Amy Cox for Congress and Amy Cox in her official capacity as treasurer (the “Committee”), violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”), by failing to timely file her Statement of Candidacy within 15 days of becoming a candidate.<sup>1</sup> The Complaint states that Cox publicly announced her candidacy via X on October 11, 2023, but did not file her Statement of Candidacy until November 29, 2023.<sup>2</sup> The Complaint also suggests that, according to the Committee’s disclosure reports, Cox crossed the \$5,000 threshold for becoming a candidate over a month before filing her Statement of Candidacy.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Compl. ¶ 33 (Mar. 12, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* ¶¶ 30-31; see Amy Cox(@VoteAmyCox), X (Oct. 11, 2023, 10:00 AM), <https://x.com/VoteAmyCox/status/1712105785520505031>; Amy Cox, Statement of Candidacy (Nov. 29, 2023), <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/072/202311299599367072/202311299599367072.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Compl. ¶ 31; see *FEC Receipts: Filtered Results*, FEC.GOV, [https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?data\\_type=processed&committee\\_id=C00852277&two\\_year\\_transaction\\_period=2024&min\\_date=10%2F11%2F2023&max\\_date=11%2F29%2F2023](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00852277&two_year_transaction_period=2024&min_date=10%2F11%2F2023&max_date=11%2F29%2F2023) (last visited November 4, 2024) (reflecting \$13,750 in receipts between October 11, 2023 and November 29, 2023). Based on these reports, Amy Cox for Congress passed the \$5,000 threshold for becoming a candidate on October 17, 2023. See 52 U.S.C. § 30101(2)(A).

1            Respondents assert that the late Statement of Candidacy was due to “an administrative  
2 oversight.”<sup>4</sup> Respondents state that the Committee’s Statement of Organization, which was  
3 timely filed with the Commission on October 3, 2023 (eight days prior to Cox’s announcement  
4 of her candidacy) “included essential details” regarding Cox’s candidacy, including her political  
5 party, state, congressional district, and contact information for her committee.<sup>5</sup>

6            Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement  
7 Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and  
8 assess whether matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These criteria  
9 include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of activity and  
10 the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had on the  
11 electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent trends  
12 in potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low priority for  
13 Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low rating, and  
14 that the Committee timely filed its Statement of Organization, limiting the risk that voters were  
15 confused as to whether Cox was a candidate, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the  
16 Complaint consistent with the Commission’s prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper  
17 ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources.<sup>6</sup> We also recommend that the Commission  
18 close the file as to all Respondents effective 30 days from the date the certification of this vote is  
19 signed (or on the next business day after the 30th day, if the 30th day falls on a weekend or  
20 holiday) and send the appropriate letters.

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<sup>4</sup> Resp. (Mar. 25, 2024).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

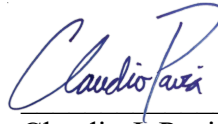
<sup>6</sup> *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985).

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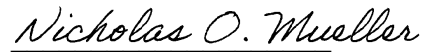
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