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Importance: High

Dear Ms. Brown:

On September 24, 2024, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") notified the AT&T Employee Federal PAC and George B. Goeke in his official capacity as Treasurer, of a complaint filed by Mr. Jacob Thomas against Congresswoman Terri Sewell's re-election campaign. The complaint alleges that the campaign – Terri Sewell for Congress – "made multiple prohibited contributions" to several corporate PACs, including the AT&T Employee Federal PAC. Based on AT&T Employee Federal PAC's FEC reports and internal accounting records, AT&T Employee Federal PAC did not receive a contribution from Terri Sewell for Congress.

Rather, it appears Terri Sewell for Congress simply misreported AT&T Employee Federal PAC – as opposed to AT&T – as the recipient of various operating expenditures. Excerpts from the Terri Sewell for Congress FEC reports attached to the complaint describe the purpose of the disbursements as "Campaign Internet Expense." This more properly reflects payments made to AT&T—an internet service provider—rather than contributions to AT&T Employee Federal PAC.

Counsel to Terri Sewell for Congress has since confirmed to us that the campaign did not contribute to AT&T Employee Federal PAC, but due to database software issues had mistakenly disclosed AT&T Employee Federal PAC – instead of AT&T – as the recipient of the operating expenditures. We understand Terri Sewell for Congress is in the process of amending its FEC reports to correct this error.

Accordingly, the Commission should find no reason to believe that AT&T Employee Federal PAC or George B. Goeke in his official capacity as Treasurer violated the law and should dismiss them from this matter.

Sincerely,
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