

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

<p>END CITIZENS UNITED,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">v.</p> <p>FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Defendant.</p>	<p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p>	<p>Civ. No. 21-1665 (TJK)</p> <p style="padding-top: 20px;">STATUS REPORT</p>
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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION'S
STATUS REPORT**

The Commission hereby provides this status report pursuant to the Court's November 7, 2023, Minute Order. On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, the Commission held a series of votes in the remanded matter, MUR 7609R. The Commission failed by a vote of 3-2 to, *inter alia*, find reason to believe that Make America Great Again PAC f/k/a Donald J. Trump for President and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30125(e) and 11 C.F.R. § 300.61 by soliciting soft money. A vote to, *inter alia*, dismiss that same allegation under *Heckler v. Chaney* then failed by a vote of 2-3. Finally, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to close the file and issue appropriate letters. One Commissioner was recused from each of the above votes.

On the same day as the above-referenced votes, *i.e.* November 1, 2023, the two Commissioners who had voted in favor of dismissal and against reason to believe violations occurred submitted a statement of reasons explaining their views for the customary internal 48-hour circulation period. This period enables staff to review statements for confidential and/or privileged material. Following the completion of the review period, notification letters

regarding the Commission votes and the statement of reasons were sent to the administrative complainants and respondents on Monday, November 6, 2023.

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