

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

**CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND
ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,**

Plaintiff,

v.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION,

Defendant.

Case No. 22-cv-35 (CRC)

ORDER

For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, it is hereby **ORDERED** that [5] Clerk’s Entry of Default is VACATED. It is further **ORDERED** that [30] Plaintiff’s Motion for Attorney’s Fees is DENIED. It is further **ORDERED** that [33] Defendant’s Motion to Remand is DENIED. It is further **ORDERED** that [35] Plaintiff’s Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED. It is further

ORDERED that [39] Randy Elf’s Motion for Leave to File an Amicus Brief is DENIED. It is further

ORDERED that Defendant’s dismissal of Plaintiff’s administrative complaint is contrary to law because Defendant failed to offer a timely explanation of its reasons for dismissal. Defendant’s dismissal of Plaintiff’s administrative complaint is therefore vacated and this case is remanded to Defendant. It is further

ORDERED that Defendant shall, by April 16, 2025, conform to the Court’s order by deciding whether to dismiss Plaintiff’s administrative complaint and issuing a contemporaneous, adequate explanation of its reasons for its actions. It is further

ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report by April 16, 2025, informing the Court of any agency action on Plaintiff's administrative complaint and the need for further proceedings in this case.

SO ORDERED.




CHRISTOPHER R. COOPER
United States District Judge

Date: March 17, 2025