



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Via Certified Mail

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RE: MUR 6471
Commission on Hope, Growth & Opportunity

Dear Mr. Bookbinder:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated May 23, 2011 and your supplemental complaint dated April 26, 2012. Based on these complaints, on September 16, 2014, the Commission found reason to believe that the Commission on Hope, Growth and Opportunity ("CHGO") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), by failing to report the communications at issue and opened an investigation of this matter. At that time, the Commission took no action with respect to CHGO's alleged violations of 52 U.S.C. § 30102(a)(3) and (d)(2) by failing to include proper disclaimers on its communications and 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102, 30103, and 30104 by failing to organize, register, and report as a political committee. Following the investigation in this matter, the Commission was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that CHGO violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102, 30103, 30104, 30120(a)(3), and 30120(d)(2). Accordingly, on October 1, 2015, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

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The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8) If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Senanayake, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1571.

Sincerely,

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