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RE: MUR.6391/6471
Commission on Hope, Growth & Opportunity

Dear Mr. Powell:

On October 15, 2010, the Federal Election Commission notified the Commission on Hope, Growth & Opportunity ("CHGO") of complaints alleging that CHGO had violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") by failing to report as electioneering communications and independent expenditures several communications that it disseminated in the 2010 election cycle, failing to include proper disclaimers on its communications, and failing to organize, register, and report as a political committee.

On September 16, 2014, the Commission found reason to believe that CHGO violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104 of the Act by failing to report the communications at issue and opened an investigation of these matters, but took no action at that time as to the other allegations. Following the investigation in these matters, 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) 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. Accordingly, on October 1, 2015, the Commission closed the files in these matters. 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).

If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Senanayake, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1571.

Sincerely,

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