

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 7139  
Maryland USA and Joel Ritter in his )  
official capacity as treasurer; Mark )  
Epstein; Amie Hoeber; Amie Hoeber for )  
Congress and Chris Marston in his )  
official capacity as treasurer )

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on January 28, 2021, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 2-4 to:
  - a. Find reason to believe that Maryland USA and Joel Ritter in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) in connection with the republication of Amie Hoeber for Congress campaign materials.
  - b. Find reason to believe that Amie Hoeber and Amie Hoeber for Congress and Chris Marston in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) in connection with coordinated communications with Maryland USA.
  - c. Find reason to believe that Mark Epstein and Maryland USA and Joel Ritter in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) in connection with Mark Epstein's coordination with Maryland USA.
  - d. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated September 24, 2019, subject to the edits circulated by Commissioner Weintraub's Office on January 25, 2021 at 6:20 p.m.
  - e. Authorize the use of compulsory process, as necessary.

- f. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Broussard and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, Trainor, and Walther dissented.

2. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:

- a. Find no reason to believe that Maryland USA and Joel Ritter in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) in connection with the republication of Amie Hoeber for Congress campaign materials.
- b. Find no reason to believe that Amie Hoeber and Amie Hoeber for Congress and Chris Marston in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) in connection with coordinated communications with Maryland USA.
- c. Find no reason to believe that Mark Epstein and Maryland USA and Joel Ritter in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) in connection with Mark Epstein's coordination with Maryland USA.
- d. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses that will conform to those findings.
- e. Issue appropriate letters.
- f. Close the file.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub dissented.

3. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:

- a. Close the file.
- b. Issue appropriate letters.

Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, and Trainor voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioner Broussard, Walther, and Weintraub dissented.



February 18, 2021

Date

Attest:

**Vicktoria Allen** Digitally signed by Vicktoria Allen  
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Vicktoria J. Allen  
Acting Deputy Secretary of the  
Commission