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RE: MUR 7139  
Amie Hoeber for Congress and Chris  
Marston in his official capacity as  
treasurer  
Amie Hoeber  
Mark Epstein

Dear Mr. Spies:

On September 28, 2016, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Amie Hoeber for Congress and Chris Marston in his official capacity as treasurer, Amie Hoeber, and Mark Epstein, of a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was forwarded to your clients at that time.

On January 28, 2021, the Commission considered the complaint, but failed to 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 alleged coordinated communications with Maryland USA and that Mark Epstein violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) in connection with his alleged coordination with Maryland USA. The Commission was also equally divided on whether to find no reason to believe that these alleged violations occurred. Subsequently, on January 11, 2022, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). A Statement of Reasons explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

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If you have any questions, please contact Thaddeus H. Ewald, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or [tewald@fec.gov](mailto:tewald@fec.gov).

Sincerely,

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