

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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RE: MUR 7139

Maryland USA and Joel Ritter in his official capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Langdon:

On September 28, 2016, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, Maryland USA and Joel Ritter in his official capacity as treasurer ("Committee"), of a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was forwarded to your client at that time.

On January 28, 2021, the Commission considered the complaint, but failed to find reason to believe that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) in connection with the alleged republication of Amie Hoeber for Congress campaign materials and that the Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) in connection with Mark Epstein's 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.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Allen

Assistant General Counsel

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