



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

August 18, 2021

Paul S. Ryan  
Common Cause  
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pryan@campaignlegalcenter.org

RE: MUR 7274

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This is in reference to the complaint you and Common Cause filed with the Federal Election Commission on September 7, 2017. On April 22, 2021, the Commission voted to dismiss the Internet Research Agency as a matter of prosecutorial discretion. Accordingly, on August 10, 2021, 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 further explaining the Commission's decision will follow.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, 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 Nicholas Bamman, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or nbamman@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claudio Pavia". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Claudio Pavia  
Acting Assistant General Counsel