



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 23, 2022

Michelle Clay

Crestview, FL 63112

RE: MUR 7626

Dear Ms. Clay:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on July 29, 2019. On January 27, 2022, the Commission considered the allegations raised in your complaint but was equally divided on (1) whether to find reason to believe, and whether to dismiss pursuant to *Heckler v. Chaney*, the allegations that Justice Democrats PAC and Natalie Trent in her official capacity as treasurer and Brand New Congress and Hosseh Enad in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) by making excessive in-kind contributions to Cori Bush for Congress; (2) whether to take no action at this time, and whether to dismiss pursuant to *Heckler v. Chaney*, the allegation that Cori Bush for Congress and Amy Vilela in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) by knowingly accepting excessive in-kind contributions from Justice Democrats PAC or Brand New Congress; and (3) whether to find reason to believe, and whether to dismiss, the allegations that Brand New Congress and Hosseh Enad in his official capacity as treasurer, Justice Democrats PAC and Natalie Trent in her official capacity as treasurer, and Cori Bush for Congress and Amy Vilela in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) and (b)(6) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(3) and (b)(4) by failing to include sufficient descriptions showing the purposes for and misreporting the payee of, disbursements to Brand New Congress, LLC. Accordingly, on February 15, 2022, the Commission closed the 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 providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

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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 Thaddeus H. Ewald, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or tewald@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

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