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RE: MURs 7592, 7626

Dear Ms. Vilela:

On April 11, 2019, and August 2, 2019, the Federal Election Commission notified you of complaints alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Copies of the complaints were forwarded to you at that time.

On January 27, 2022, the Commission considered the complaints but was equally divided on whether to take no action at this time, and whether to dismiss pursuant to *Heckler v. Chaney*, the allegation that you violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) by knowingly accepting excessive in-kind contributions from Justice Democrats PAC, Brand New Congress, Brand New Congress, LLC, or Saikat Chakrabarti; and whether to find reason to believe, and whether to dismiss, the allegations that you 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 these matters.

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

Sincerely,

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