



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

September 2, 2021

Hendrik G. Meijer
45 Ottawa Avenue, SW, Suite 1100
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

RE: MUR 7833

Dear Mr. Meijer:

The Federal Election Commission (“Commission”), the regulatory agency that administers and enforces the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (“Act”), received a complaint alleging violations of the Act and the Commission’s regulations. A copy of that complaint is enclosed. Although the complaint does not identify you by name, it appears that your activities may fall within the scope of the alleged violations described in the complaint. You therefore are being provided this notice of the complaint and an opportunity to respond to its allegations, if you wish to do so. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1).

Specifically, the complaint alleges that an unknown person violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122, a provision of the Act, by using a limited liability company, Montcalm, LLC (“Montcalm”), to make a \$150,000 contribution in the name of another to an independent-expenditure-only political committee, Congressional Leadership Fund and Caleb Crosby in his official capacity as treasurer (“CLF”). The complaint also alleges that Montcalm violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102, 30103, and 30104 by failing to register and report as a political committee despite meeting the legal requirements for political committee status. Information provided in CLF’s disclosure reports filed with the Commission indicates that your activities may fall within the scope of the alleged violations.

The Office of the General Counsel is reviewing this information to determine whether to recommend to the Commission that there is reason to believe that you violated the Act or Commission regulations. A “reason to believe” finding is not a finding that any person violated the Act; rather, it means only that the Commission believes a violation may have occurred. Before we make any recommendation to the Commission, the Act affords you the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against you in this matter. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1). If you wish to file a response, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission’s consideration of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel’s Office and should reference Matter Under Review (“MUR”) 7833, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. After 15 days, we may proceed to make our recommendations to the Commission, and the Commission will then consider the recommendations and take appropriate action.

This matter will remain confidential unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. *See* 52 U.S.C. §§ 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12). Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.¹

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission. Please note that you are required to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until we notify you that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to **one** of the following (note, if submitting via email this Office will provide an electronic receipt):

Mail


Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
and Legal Administration
ATTN: Christal Dennis, Paralegal
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

Email

cela@fec.gov

As indicated in the FEC's Notice found at https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/status_of_fec_operations_8-10-2020.pdf, the office's mailroom is open on a limited basis and, therefore, processing paper correspondence may be delayed. Accordingly, we strongly encourage you to file responses and additional correspondence via email.

If you have any questions, please call Christal Dennis at (202) 694-1650. For your information, we have also enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Saurav Ghosh
Attorney

¹ The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).