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Mr. Roy Luckett
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Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE
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Re: MUR 7833 (Hendrik G. Meijer)

Dear Mr. Luckett:

On September 21, 2021, our client Hendrik G. Meijer received a letter from the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") notifying Mr. Meijer of a complaint filed by the Campaign Legal Center. Enclosed is our client's signed Statement of Designation of Counsel in this matter.

As noted in the letter, the complaint does not name Mr. Meijer. Instead, the complaint alleges that Montcalm LLC ("Montcalm") violated two provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971: a prohibition on contributions in the name of another and the registration and reporting requirements applicable to political committees. This is so, the complaint alleges, because Montcalm contributed to a federal super PAC that did not initially identify Montcalm's underlying members in the super PAC's FEC disclosure report. In response, Mr. Meijer adopts and incorporates Montcalm's December 14, 2020 submission by reference here.

Montcalm is a single-member LLC whose sole member is Mr. Meijer. One day after the super PAC filed the FEC report referenced in the complaint, the super PAC filed an amended FEC report attributing the contribution to Mr. Meijer as Montcalm's single member. This should, effectively, moot the complaint.

Furthermore, the complaint's allegations are without legal merit. First, as explained in the Commission's regulations, contributions from a single-member LLC are attributed directly to the underlying individual member. Thus, there is no "other" person to serve as the intermediary contributor to sustain an allegation that a contribution was made in the name of another. Second, the Commission has already held that an individual underlying a single member LLC cannot be a political committee which is defined, in relevant part, as a "group of persons." Thus, the complaint's alternative allegation, that Montcalm should have registered and reported as a political committee, is also without legal merit.

For these reasons – and as explained in more detail in Montcalm's December 14, 2020 submission – this complaint should be dismissed.



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Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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## STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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