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Re: MUR 7928 (Renacci for US Senate) – Recommendation to Accept Pre-Probable

Cause Conciliation Agreement

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 14, 2021, the Commission found reason to believe that Renacci for US Senate and Russell Corwin in his official capacity as treasurer (the "Committee") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(2) and (4) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by failing to disclose receipts and disbursements on two 2018 disclosure reports. The Commission approved a conciliation agreement

Certification ("Cert.") ¶ 2.b. (Sept. 16, 2021). On November 30, 2021, the attorney for the Committee proposed that negotiations on this matter be held pending the issuance of the Supreme Court's decision in *Federal Election Comm'n v. Ted Cruz for Senate*, *et al.*, 596 U.S. ___, 142 S. Ct. 1638 (2022) ("*FEC v. Cruz*"). We agreed to the proposal to await the decision because the Committee provided corresponding tolling and said that it would not negotiate further prior to the issuance of the Supreme Court's decision.

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The attached negotiated agreement would resolve the matter, with the Committee agreeing to pay \$16,500.³ For the reasons set forth below, we recommend that the Commission accept the agreement and close the file.

See Attach. 1 (signed conciliation agreement).

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We believe this negotiated agreement represents a reasonable compromise and sufficiently vindicates the Commission's enforcement interests. Therefore, we recommend that the Commission accept the attached negotiated conciliation agreement and close the file.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Accept the Conciliation Agreement with Renacci for US Senate and Russell Corwin in his official capacity as treasurer;
- 2. Approve the appropriate letter; and
- 3. Close the file.