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COMPLAINANT Rebecca Joy Faust

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ATTN:

Federal Elections Commission

RESPONDANTS:

Republicans Against RINOs PAC INC

The shareholders, board members and/or trustees, officers, employees, and registered agent(s), of Republicans Against RINOs PAC INC

ALLEGATIONS:

Failure to register PAC with FEC and perform subsequent filings; Failure to disclose independent expenditure(s)

DEFINITIONS:

For simplicity, I will refer to "Republicans Against RINOs PAC INC" simply as "The PAC."

FACT #1 - The PAC is a legal entity incorporated in the State of Delaware.

I know this from an online search of Delaware's corporations database on July 8, 2022. FACT #2 - The PAC was incorporated in December 2020 and is operative within the current election cycle.

The Delaware corporations database shows that they incorporated on December 17, 2020. They currently have a Twitter account and website, both directed towards advocating against Washington's 3rd Congressional District Republican primary challenger Joe Kent (2022 election cycle candidate). See Twitter @JoeKentisCIA & the website: www.joekentiscia.com (Accessed July 8, 2022.)

FACT #3 - The PAC engages in federal election-related advocacy.

Their Twitter @JoeKentisCIA links to a website of the same ilk, which identifies the PAC as it's sponsor. Both feature content targeted against federal candidate Joe Kent (running for Congress WA-3). The website says, for instance, "Come August 2nd, Say NO to CIA JOE." (Accessed July 8, 2022.)

FACT #3 - The PAC is not registered with the FEC.

I attempted to find a registration for the PAC by searching the FEC database, but was unable to find it.

FACT # 4 - The PAC advocates against Congressional candidate Joe Kent, probably making independent expenditures.

The PAC maintains a website attacking Kent by name and featuring his photo.

FACT # 5 - The PAC failed to report independent expenditures against Joe Kent.

Only two organizations are shown as having made independent expenditures in relationship to the Kent campaign on the FEC website, and the PAC isn't one of them. (As of July 9, 2022.) (NOTE: Per the FEC website, the database I was using doesn't include 24/48 hour disclosures.)

CAVEATS; What I don't know, because they're shadowy as heck:

- 1) Who directs or controls the PAC?
- 2) Who has contributed to the PAC?
- 3) How much money does the PAC raise/spend?

I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Rebecca J. Faust

Signed: July 11, 2022

State of Washington

County of Thurston

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on 7/11/2-2(date)

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Signature:

My appointment expires:

JESSICA HEISER-WEGELEBEN
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MARCH 9, 2024