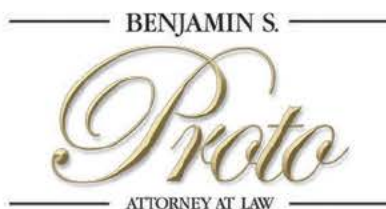


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Sent via email: cdennis@fec.gov

RE: MUR 8048 – Fight for Connecticut PAC

Dear Ms. Dennis:

Thank you for your assistance in getting me the complaint and other information related to the above matter.

I have reviewed the complaint with my client, Bill Cortese, who became the Treasurer of Fight for Connecticut PAC on September 9, 2021.

Mr. Cortese agrees that Fight for Connecticut PAC did not file any reports for year-end 2021, and any reports due for calendar year 2022. I believe the next reporting period would be for the period ending June 30, 2023, or a termination report. While Mr. Cortese agrees that reports were not filed, he would provide the following explanation – Mr. Cortese became Treasurer in September 2021, the next report was due January 31, 2022. The address Mr. Cortese had used when he assumed the Treasurer's position was his parents home address in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. Mr. Cortese had moved and, unfortunately, he did not receive the notices from the Commission and, as a result, reports were not filed when they were due.

Mr. Cortese will prepare and file the reports for December 31, 2021, March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2022. If the Committee was required to file any additional reports for 2022, please let me know what dates those reports would cover. To the best of Mr. Cortese's knowledge, there were no receipts or disbursements made in 2022.

In addition, Mr. Cortese denies that he received any payment from the Committee at any time. The filings made by the Committee through June 30, 2021 do not show any disbursements to Mr. Cortese. Neither has Mr. Cortese, or any other person with any authority to issue payment on behalf of the Committee (to Mr. Cortese's knowledge there are no other authorized individuals) issued any payments to Mr. Cortese for any amount or any reason.

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Mr. Cortese is prepared to file any report that is past due as well as provide the Commission with any additional information the Commission may need to resolve this matter.

I look forward to working with you to resolve this matter quickly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Benjamin S. Proto, Jr. /s/

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Cc: Bill Cortese

