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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 7, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona *DC*
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY: Kristin D. Roser *KDR* / Ben Holly *BH*
Reports Analysis Division
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2023 April Quarterly Report for the
Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2023 April Quarterly Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The April Quarterly was due on April 15, 2023.

The committees listed in the attached RTB Circulation Report failed to file the report. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

Recommendation

- 1.
2. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
3. Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2023 APRIL QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 04/15/2023 H_S_P

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
4645	C00780882	BRACY FOR CONGRESS	RANDOLPH BRACY	LINDSAY F. ANGERHOLZER	\$155,988	0		Not Filed	\$155,988 (est)	\$9,420
4646	C00804807	GASHI FOR CONGRESS	VEDAT GASHI	THOMAS A. NEWMAN	\$439,161	0		Not Filed	\$439,161 (est)	\$15,414

4648	C00783092	HARBIN FOR GEORGIA, INC	BLAKE HARBIN	BLAKE HARBIN	\$210,875	1		Not Filed	\$210,875 (est)	\$13,915
4649	C00809145	HERB JONES FOR VIRGINIA	HERBERT CARROLL JONES, JR.	STANTON SCOTT	\$113,398	0		Not Filed	\$113,398 (est)	\$7,708
4650	C00767798	HOLLY MCCORMACK FOR CONGRESS	HOLLY MCCORMACK	HOLLY MCCORMACK	\$538,205	0		Not Filed	\$538,205 (est)	\$16,271
4651	C00792812	IROGHAMA OMERE FOR TX	IROGHAMA C. OMERE	IROGHAMA C. OMERE	\$119,066	0		Not Filed	\$119,066 (est)	\$7,708
4652	C00776245	LAHMEYER FOR SENATE INC.	JACKSON RHODES LAHMEYER	LUKE PAULSON	\$219,165	0		Not Filed	\$219,165 (est)	\$11,132
4653	C00807974	NEIGHBORS FOR SAMUELS	DON SAMUELS	ANDREW MINCK	\$562,182	0		Not Filed	\$562,182 (est)	\$17,128
4654	C00799650	PAT DOWELL FOR CONGRESS	PATRICIA R. DOWELL	MATTIE LACY	\$229,942	0		Not Filed	\$229,942 (est)	\$11,132
4655	C00782854	REBEKAH JONES CAMPAIGN	REBEKAH JONES	STEPHANIE JONES	\$218,035	0		Not Filed	\$218,035 (est)	\$11,132
4656	C00780650	REED FOR MISSOURI	RAYMOND REED	CHRISTINA LYNCH	\$112,245	0		Not Filed	\$112,245 (est)	\$7,708

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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Reason To Believe Recommendation –)	
2023 April Quarterly Report for the)	
Administrative Fine Program:)	
BRACY FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 4645
ANGERHOLZER, LINDSAY F. as)	
treasurer;)	
GASHI FOR CONGRESS, and NEWMAN,	)	AF# 4646
THOMAS A. as treasurer;)	
HARBIN FOR GEORGIA, INC, and	)	AF# 4648
HARBIN, BLAKE as treasurer;)	
HERB JONES FOR VIRGINIA, and	)	AF# 4649
SCOTT, STANTON as treasurer;)	
HOLLY MCCORMACK FOR	)	AF# 4650
CONGRESS, and MCCORMACK,)	
HOLLY as treasurer;)	
IROGHAMA OMERE FOR TX, and	)	AF# 4651
OMERE, IROGHAMA C as treasurer;)	
LAHMEYER FOR SENATE INC., and	)	AF# 4652
PAULSON, LUKE as treasurer;)	
NEIGHBORS FOR SAMUELS, and	)	AF# 4653
MINCK, ANDREW as treasurer;)	
PAT DOWELL FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 4654
LACY, MATTIE as treasurer;)	
REBEKAH JONES CAMPAIGN, and	)	AF# 4655
JONES, STEPHANIE as treasurer;)	
REED FOR MISSOURI, and LYNCH,	)	AF# 4656
CHRISTINA as treasurer;)	

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 12, 2023 the Commission took the following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2023 April Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program, as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated June 07, 2023, on the following committees:

AF#4645 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BRACY FOR CONGRESS, and ANGERHOLZER, LINDSAY F. in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4646 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GASHI FOR CONGRESS, and NEWMAN, THOMAS A. in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4648 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that HARBIN FOR GEORGIA, INC, and HARBIN, BLAKE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4649 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that HERB JONES FOR VIRGINIA, and SCOTT, STANTON in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4650 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that HOLLY MCCORMACK FOR CONGRESS, and MCCORMACK, HOLLY in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4651 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that IROGHAMA OMERE FOR TX, and OMERE, IROGHAMA C in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4652 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that LAHMEYER FOR SENATE INC., and PAULSON, LUKE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4653 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NEIGHBORS FOR SAMUELS, and MINCK, ANDREW in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4654 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PAT DOWELL FOR CONGRESS, and LACY, MATTIE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

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AF#4655 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that REBEKAH JONES CAMPAIGN, and JONES, STEPHANIE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.

AF#4656 Decided by a vote of 4-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that REED FOR MISSOURI, and LYNCH, CHRISTINA in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, and Lindenbaum voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Trainor and Weintraub did not vote.



June 12, 2023

Date

Attest:

Vicktoria J Allen

Digitally signed by Vicktoria J

Allen

Date: 2023.06.12 17:58:22 -04'00'

Vicktoria J. Allen,
Deputy Secretary of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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June 13, 2023

Thomas A. Newman, in official capacity as Treasurer
Gashi for Congress
345 Kear Street
Ste 200
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

C00804807
AF#: 4646
FINE: \$15,414

Dear Thomas A. Newman,

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file an April Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023, shall be filed no later than April 15, 2023. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Because records at the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission" or "FEC") indicate that you did not file this report within thirty (30) days of the due date, the report is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4). On June 12, 2023, the Commission found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Gashi for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before April 15, 2023. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 C.F.R. § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$15,414. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 C.F.R. §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The FEC's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <https://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. 11 C.F.R. § 111.34. Your payment of \$15,414 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by July 22, 2023, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive
Level of Activity: \$439,161
Number of Days Late: Not Filed
Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

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At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must email a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review at administrativefines@fec.gov. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or July 22, 2023. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 C.F.R. § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three factors: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(b). For a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. *Id.* Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 C.F.R. § 111.35(d).

If you fail to timely raise a factual argument in your challenge to the RTB finding, your right to present such an argument in an appeal to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109 shall be deemed waived. 11 C.F.R. § 111.38.

It should also be noted that all challenges to an RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty should be converted to PDF (Portable Document Format) and emailed to administrativefines@fec.gov. The Commission encourages the use of electronic signatures on electronically submitted documents, but scanned copies of ink signatures

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will be accepted. Electronically submitted challenges will be deemed received on the date they are electronically received by staff.

In addition, if you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address, and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, the FEC will conclude that the factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Gashi for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701, et seq. The Commission may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 C.F.R. § 111.51(a)(2).

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, please follow the payment instructions below. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

You may remit payment by Automated Clearinghouse ("ACH") withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit <https://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml> to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form. Please use the details at the top of this letter to complete the required fields.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

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Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission will be rejected. This includes making a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. §§ 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <https://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1158) or (202) 694-1158.

On behalf of the Commission,



Dara Lindenbaum
Chair

RECEIVED

By Office of the Commission Secretary at 12:03 pm, Jan 29, 2024



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SENSITIVE

January 29, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer
Staff Director *AP*

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona *DC*
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY: *KDR* Kristin D. Roser/*BH* Ben Holly
Reports Analysis Division
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the 2023 April Quarterly Report

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2023 April Quarterly Report. The list represents committees that have not paid the civil money penalty. The committees that have not paid have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34 and 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have not paid the civil money penalty.

For your information, nine (9) committees disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty. An overview of these cases has been provided below.

Bracy for Congress (AF 4645) filed the 2023 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$0 (previously estimated to be \$155,988), thus the fine would be lowered from \$9,420 to \$0.

Gashi for Congress (AF 4646) filed the 2023 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$123 (previously estimated to be \$439,161), thus the fine would be lowered from \$15,414 to \$123.

Harbin for Georgia, Inc (AF 4648) filed the 2023 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$0 (previously estimated to be \$210,875), thus the fine would be lowered from \$13,915 to \$0.

Jones, Herb (US House) (AF 4649) filed the 2023 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$41,921 (previously estimated to be \$113,398), thus the fine would be lowered from \$7,708 to \$1,450.

Iroghama Omere for TX (AF 4651) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$119,066), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$7,708).

Lahmeyer for Senate Inc. (AF 4652) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$219,165), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$11,132).

Neighbors for Samuels (AF 4653) filed the 2023 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$2,847 (previously estimated to be \$562,182), thus the fine would be lowered from \$17,128 to \$402.

Pat Dowell for Congress (AF 4654) filed the 2023 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$0 (previously estimated to be \$229,942), thus the fine would be lowered from \$11,132 to \$0.

Rebekah Jones Campaign (AF 4655) filed the 2023 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$1,891 (previously estimated to be \$218,035), thus the fine would be lowered from \$11,132 to \$402.

For your information, one (1) committee disclosed a change in treasurer and committee name after the RTB finding. An overview of this case has been provided below.

Herb Jones for Virginia (AF 4649) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding changing the committee name to Jones, Herb (US House) and designating Ella Webster as Treasurer.

RAD Recommendation

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (2) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports with no activity, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty.
- (3) Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
FD Circulation Report Fine Not Paid
2023 APRIL QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 04/15/2023 H_S_P

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	PV	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Days Since RTB	FD Penalty
4645	BRACY FOR CONGRESS	RANDOLPH BRACY	C00780882	LINDSAY F. ANGERHOLZER	07/15/2023	*Not Filed	\$0	0	06/12/2023	\$9,420	231	NONE
4646	GASHI FOR CONGRESS	VEDAT GASHI	C00804807	THOMAS A. NEWMAN	07/13/2023	*Not Filed	\$123	0	06/12/2023	\$15,414	231	\$123
4648	HARBIN FOR GEORGIA, INC	BLAKE HARBIN	C00783092	BLAKE HARBIN	10/03/2023	*Not Filed	\$0	1	06/12/2023	\$13,915	231	NONE
4649	JONES, HERB (US HOUSE)	HERBERT CARROLL JONES, JR.	C00809145	ELLA WEBSTER	11/09/2023	*Not Filed	\$41,921	0	06/12/2023	\$7,708	231	\$1,450
4650	HOLLY MCCORMACK FOR CONGRESS	HOLLY MCCORMACK	C00767798	HOLLY MCCORMACK		Not Filed	\$538,205 (est)	0	06/12/2023	\$16,271	231	\$16,271
4651	IROGHAMA OMERE FOR TX	IROGHAMA C. OMERE	C00792812	IROGHAMA C. OMERE		**Not Filed	\$0	0	06/12/2023	\$7,708	231	NONE
4652	LAHMEYER FOR SENATE INC.	JACKSON RHODES LAHMEYER	C00776245	LUKE PAULSON		**Not Filed	\$0	0	06/12/2023	\$11,132	231	NONE
4653	NEIGHBORS FOR SAMUELS	DON SAMUELS	C00807974	ANDREW MINCK	06/27/2023	*Not Filed	\$2,847	0	06/12/2023	\$17,128	231	\$402
4654	PAT DOWELL FOR CONGRESS	PATRICIA R. DOWELL	C00799650	MATTIE LACY	07/21/2023	*Not Filed	\$0	0	06/12/2023	\$11,132	231	NONE
4655	REBEKAH JONES CAMPAIGN	REBEKAH JONES	C00782854	STEPHANIE JONES	07/15/2023	*Not Filed	\$1,891	0	06/12/2023	\$11,132	231	\$402
4656	REED FOR MISSOURI	RAYMOND REED	C00780650	CHRISTINA LYNCH		Not Filed	\$112,245 (est)	0	06/12/2023	\$7,708	231	\$7,708

* The committee filed their report more than thirty (30) days after the due date; therefore, the report is considered not filed.

** The committee filed a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Text Submission) disclosing no activity for the 2023 April Quarterly reporting period.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Determination Recommendation for the)
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treasurer;)
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HARBIN, BLAKE as treasurer;)
JONES, HERB (US HOUSE), and) AF# 4649
WEBSTER, ELLA DR. as treasurer;)
HOLLY MCCORMACK FOR) AF# 4650
CONGRESS, and MCCORMACK,)
HOLLY as treasurer;)
IROGHAMA OMERE FOR TX, and) AF# 4651
OMERE, IROGHAMA C as treasurer;)
LAHMEYER FOR SENATE INC., and) AF# 4652
PAULSON, LUKE as treasurer;)
NEIGHBORS FOR SAMUELS, and) AF# 4653
MINCK, ANDREW as treasurer;)
PAT DOWELL FOR CONGRESS, and) AF# 4654
LACY, MATTIE as treasurer;)
REBEKAH JONES CAMPAIGN, and) AF# 4655
JONES, STEPHANIE as treasurer;)
REED FOR MISSOURI, and LYNCH,) AF# 4656
CHRISTINA as treasurer;)

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on January 31, 2024 the Commission took the following actions on the Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination Recommendation for the 2023 April Quarterly Report, as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated January 29, 2024, on the following committees:

AF#4645 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that BRACY FOR CONGRESS, and ANGERHOLZER, LINDSAY F. in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4646 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that GASHI FOR CONGRESS, and NEWMAN, THOMAS A. in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4648 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that HARBIN FOR GEORGIA, INC, and HARBIN, BLAKE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4649 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that JONES, HERB (US HOUSE), and WEBSTER, ELLA DR. in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4650 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that HOLLY MCCORMACK FOR CONGRESS, and MCCORMACK, HOLLY in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#4651 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that IROGHAMA OMERE FOR TX, and OMERE, IROGHAMA C in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4652 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that LAHMEYER FOR SENATE INC., and PAULSON, LUKE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4653 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that NEIGHBORS FOR SAMUELS, and MINCK, ANDREW in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4654 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that PAT DOWELL FOR CONGRESS, and LACY, MATTIE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4655 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that REBEKAH JONES CAMPAIGN, and JONES, STEPHANIE in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#4656 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that REED FOR MISSOURI, and LYNCH, CHRISTINA in their official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:



January 31, 2024

Date

Vicktoria J Allen

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 Allen
 Date: 2024.01.31 18:37:35 -05'00'

Vicktoria J. Allen
 Deputy Secretary of the Commission



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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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February 2, 2024

Thomas A. Newman, in official capacity as Treasurer
Gashi for Congress
345 Kear Street
Ste 200
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

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AF#: 4646

FINE: \$123

Dear Thomas A. Newman,

On June 12, 2023, the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission" or "FEC") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Gashi for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2023 April Quarterly Report. By letter dated June 13, 2023, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the preliminary civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage to be \$15,414, in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43. Within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, you, in your official capacity as treasurer, were required to either transmit payment of the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response challenging either the RTB finding or the calculated civil money penalty.

The FEC did not receive payment of the calculated civil money penalty or a written response within the time permitted. Since that time, the amount of the civil money penalty has been changed to reflect the actual level of activity of the April Quarterly Report. The Commission made a final determination on January 31, 2024 that Gashi for Congress and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$123, in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43. The civil money penalty is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$123

Number of Days Late: Not Filed (reports not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date are considered not filed for the purposes of calculating the penalty)

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

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At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you must submit a written petition, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, to the U.S. District Court for the district in which the committee or you reside or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(C)(iii). If you did not timely raise a factual argument in a challenge to the Commission's RTB finding, your right to present such an argument in an appeal to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109 shall be deemed waived. 11 CFR § 111.38.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Appeal

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701, et seq. If you do not pay this debt within thirty (30) days and do not appeal the Commission's final determination to the U.S. District Court (see above), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Treasury will contact you to request payment within five (5) days of receiving the debt. Treasury currently charges a fee of 30 percent of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. If the age of the debt is greater than or equal to two years old, Treasury will charge a fee of 32 percent of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you owe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency. If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

Actions which may be taken to enforce recovery of a delinquent debt by Treasury may also include: (1) offset of any payments, which the debtor is due, including tax refunds and salary; (2) referral of the debt to agency counsel for litigation; (3) reporting of the debt to a credit bureau; (4) administrative wage garnishment; and (5) reporting of the debt, if discharged, to the IRS as potential taxable income. In addition, under the provisions of DCIA and other statutes applicable to the FEC, the debtor may be subject to the assessment of other statutory interest, penalties, and administrative costs.

In accordance with the DCIA, at your request, the agency will offer you the opportunity to inspect and copy records relating to the debt, the opportunity for a review of the debt, and the opportunity to enter into a written repayment agreement.

3. If You Chose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you decide to pay the civil money penalty, please follow the payment instructions

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below. You should make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

You may remit payment by Automated Clearinghouse ("ACH") withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit <http://www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml> to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form. Please use the details above to complete the required fields.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination.

Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission will be rejected. This includes a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly on the toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt, press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or (202) 694-1130.

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On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean J. Cooksey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S' and 'C'.

Sean Cooksey
Chairman