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WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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AUG 19 2005

Ellen Lowe
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RE: MUR 5489

Dear Ms. Lowe:

On June 23, 2005, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated July 20, 2004, and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by the respondents, there is no reason to believe Citizens for a Sound Economy, Inc. n/k/a Freedom Works, Inc. violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. The Commission also found that there is no reason to believe Russ Walker, Nader for President 2004 and Carl M. Mayer, in his official capacity as treasurer, Bush-Cheney '04 and David Herndon, in his official capacity as treasurer, Steve Schmidt, Oregon Republican Party and Charles Oakes, in his official capacity as treasurer, and Kevin Mannix violated the Act with respect to this matter. In addition, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and took no action against the Oregon Family Council for any potential violation of 2 U.S.C § 441b, and took no action and closed the file with respect to Tim Nashif and Michael White. Accordingly, on June 23, 2005, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

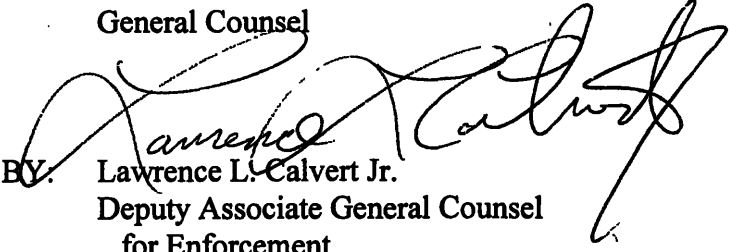
Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

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The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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