



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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**MAY 18 2018**

Noah Bookbinder  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington  
455 Massachusetts Ave., NW Sixth Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

RE: MUR 7014  
DE First Holdings, *et al.*

Dear Mr. Bookbinder:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated February 19, 2016, but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that the Respondents violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, on May 10, 2018, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016), effective September 1, 2016.

The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Claudio J. Pavia, the attorney assigned to this matter, at [cpavia@fec.gov](mailto:cpavia@fec.gov) or (202) 694-1597.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Shonkwiler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Shonkwiler  
Assistant General Counsel