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United Steelworkers  
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RE: MUR 6206  
BASF Corporation  
BASF Corporation Employees PAC

Dear Mr. Schmelling:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint dated July 10, 2009, but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe BASF Corporation and BASF Corporation Employees PAC violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. In addition, the Commission was equally divided on whether to dismiss the matter. Accordingly, on December 15, 2009, the Commission closed the file in this matter. One or more Statements 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 Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

The Federal Election Campaign Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Phillip Olaya, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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