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2 **BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

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4 In the Matter of)
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6 Terrell for Senate and Justin Schmidt, in his) MUR 5652
7 official capacity as Treasurer,)
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9 **Response of Terrell for Senate**

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10 **I. Background**

11 This matter began as a result of an audit of the books and records of the Terrell for Senate
12 Committee and Justin Schmidt¹, in his official capacity as Treasurer, (hereinafter "Committee")
13 from the 2002 election cycle. Since that time, the Commission has dismissed the case with
14 respect to the candidate in her personal capacity, conciliated with some respondents and
15 dismissed as to other respondents. The Committee is the only remaining respondent.

16 Since this process was initiated nearly five years ago, the Committee spent much of its
17 remaining resources in connection with the audit, including recreating all Committee records,
18 communicating with donors and vendors and reconciling all compliance materials. Meanwhile,
19 intervening matters made the process more complicated and certainly more costly for the
20 Committee. The individual who served as the Committee's accountant died. The New Orleans
21 region was devastated by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, destroying many of the books and
22 records of the businesses and individuals associated with the campaign. The livelihood of the
23 former candidate and her family was devastated by the storm and her home was destroyed.
24 Since that time, she has moved from the state.

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¹ Justin Schmidt did not serve as Treasurer during the time of the Committee's alleged violations.

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II. Issues and Conclusion

The Committee has no factual or legal dispute with the Commission. [REDACTED]

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