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FEC Freedom of Information Act Appeal No. 2018-1-A

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: FEC Freedom of Information Act Appeal No. 2018-1-A

Dear Ms. Beckerman:

This letter responds to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal you filed on January 23, 2018 on behalf of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") regarding the Agency's response to FOIA Request 2018-024, in which CREW requested the following:

"[A]n unredacted copy of the public record in MUR 6920, In the matter of American Conservative Union, et al."

By email dated January 12, 2018, the FOIA Requester Service Center denied your FOIA request explaining that pursuant to a December 18, 2017 order of the court in *Doe et al. v. FEC*, No. 17-02694 (D.D.C. Dec. 15, 2017), the Commission is currently barred from publishing an unredacted version of the investigative materials in MUR 6920.

Upon review of your FOIA appeal, the Commission has determined that the FOIA Requester Service Center properly withheld the requested information pursuant to that order. Accordingly, the Commission has decided to deny your appeal.

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS at:

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You are advised that you may bring a civil action in U.S. District Court with respect to any adverse FOIA determination. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at FOIA@fec.gov, or (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Steve N. Hajjar
FOIA Requester Service Center