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Via E-Mail

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Federal Election Commission
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Re: AR 23-02

Dear Mr. Lockett:

The undersigned serves as counsel to Sheila Jackson Lee for Congress and Karen Grays, in her official capacity as Treasurer (“SJLC”). I am writing in response to the Commission’s letter of March 10, 2023, in connection with the above-referenced referral.

As you know, this matter is a referral of issues raised during an Audit of SJLC during the 2020 election cycle. As stated during the Audit process, SJLC reiterates that it has worked diligently with the Commission to resolve the issues raised during the Audit and has spent considerable resources to address the Commission’s concerns and to enhance its compliance procedures to ensure that the issues raised during the Audit are not repeated.

Specifically, SJLC has transferred its compliance operations to an outside professional firm. During the 2020 cycle, compliance was handled internally by a part-time Treasurer. SJLC continues to work with counsel on an ongoing basis to refine and improve its compliance procedures. SJLC acknowledges that its previous compliance challenges lead to errors in disclosure and the acceptance of both excessive and prohibited contributions. As of the date of this letter, as noted by Audit staff, all reports have been materially corrected, as requested by the Audit staff and all excessive and prohibited contributions have been refunded.

As the committee continues its efforts to improve its compliance process and performance, it looks forward to working with the Commission, and is receptive to any training or other guidance that the Commission may offer or recommend.

If you have any questions regarding this Response, my daytime number is (202) 479-1111. My email address is reiff@sandlerreiff.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Reiff".

Neil P. Reiff
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Grays in her official capacity as Treasurer