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Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
& Legal Administration
Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal
1050 First Street, NW
Washington, DC 20002

***Re: MUR 7392: Response of Ryan for Congress, Inc. and Paul Mair, in his capacity
as Treasurer of Ryan for Congress, Inc.***

Dear Ms. Ross:

This Response is submitted by the undersigned counsel on behalf of Ryan for Congress, Inc. and Paul Mair, in his official capacity as Treasurer of Ryan for Congress, Inc. (together, "Respondents"). It is in response to the May 18, 2018, complaint filed by Kirk deViere, designated as Matter Under Review 7392 ("Complaint"), as transmitted by the Commission's letter of May 31, 2018. The Complaint takes issue with a \$750 contribution from 2016 reflected in Ryan for Congress, Inc.'s regular reports filed with the Commission.

For the reasons set forth below, the Commission should find no reason to believe that the Respondents violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), or any Commission regulation ("Regulations"). Accordingly, the Complaint warrants no further consideration and should be promptly dismissed.

Ryan for Congress, Inc. ("Campaign") is the authorized campaign committee of House Speaker Paul Ryan. Team Ryan is a joint fundraising committee, which, at the time of the transaction at issue, was comprised of Ryan for Congress, Inc., Prosperity Action, Inc., and the National Republican Congressional Committee. Team Ryan held a fundraising luncheon on March 29, 2016, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Mr. deViere states he wrote a check to the individual host of the event in the amount of \$750. It appears that check was inadvertently collected by Team Ryan, accepted for deposit by Sun Trust Bank, and deposited into Team Ryan's bank account. Subsequently, the amount was distributed to the Campaign in accordance with the Team Ryan Joint Fundraising Agreement and the Act. The deposit was later reflected as

a contribution on Team Ryan's and, ultimately, the Campaign's regular reports filed with the Commission. Upon being made aware of the issue by the Commission, the Campaign promptly refunded the \$750 to Mr. deViere and amended the corresponding reports.

Although the deposit at issue was made in error, the matter was swiftly resolved as soon as practicable upon notification and without incident to Mr. deViere. To the extent any inadvertent violation may have occurred, the matter has since been remedied in full. Because the allegations contained in the Complaint are now moot, we respectfully urge the Commission to dismiss the matter and take no further action.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Timothy Kronquist
Counsel to Ryan for Congress, Inc.

Cc: Ryan for Congress Inc. *(via email only)*
Paul Mair, Treasurer *(via email only)*