

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

**ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY SYSTEM
DISMISSAL REPORT**

MUR: 7392

Respondents: Ryan for Congress, Inc.
and Paul Mair, as Treasurer
("the Committee")

Complaint Receipt Date: May 23, 2018

Response Date: June 13, 2018

EPS Rating:

Alleged Statutory

52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(c),(i), 30116(a), 30122

Regulatory Violations:

**11 C.F.R. §§ 104.7(b), 104.14(d), 110.1(b),
110.4(b)**

Complainant alleges that he paid \$750 to a host in order to sponsor a business luncheon attended by Speaker of the House of Representatives Paul Ryan. The Complainant claims that he has never donated to the Committee, but that the \$750 he paid appears as a 2016 contribution on reports filed by Ryan for Congress, Inc. and Team Ryan.¹ Respondents admit that the check was inadvertently collected by Team Ryan, deposited into Team Ryan's bank account, and subsequently distributed to the Committee in accordance with the Team Ryan Joint Fundraising Agreement. Respondents note that after they were made aware of the issue, the Committee refunded the \$750 to the Complainant and amended its reports.

Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of activity and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had on the

¹ Team Ryan is a joint fundraising committee, which, at the time of the transaction, was comprised of Ryan for Congress, Inc., Prosperity Action, Inc., and the National Republican Congressional Committee. Resp. at 1 (June 13, 2018).

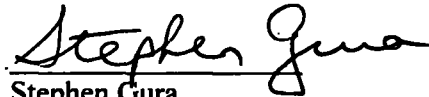
electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent trends in potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low priority for Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low rating, the small amount at issue, and the remedial actions by the Committee, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the Complaint consistent with the Commission's prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources. *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985). We also recommend that the Commission close the file as to all Respondents and send the appropriate letters.

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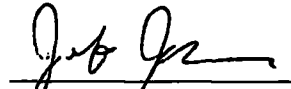
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