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November 21, 2018

BY EMAIL

Ms. Lisa J. Stevenson
Acting General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

**Re: MUR 7498 - Response of The AntiCorruption League and Jennifer May, in
her capacity as Treasurer**

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

This response is submitted on behalf of The AntiCorruption League and Jennifer May, in her capacity as Treasurer (the "Committee"), in response to the Commission's letter dated September 20, 2018, notifying the Committee of a complaint filed by Ms. Caitlin Girouard, designated by the Commission as MUR 7498.¹

Ms. Girouard's complaint relates to four separate disbursements made by the Committee to one its consultants, Thiess & Grenell, LLC ("Thiess & Grenell"). All four disbursements were dated July 13, 2018, and all four disbursements were timely reported on the Committee's August 2018 Monthly FEC Report.²

Attached hereto, as Attachment A, are copies of the invoices from Thiess & Grenell related to the July 13, 2018, disbursements showing that the work associated with these

¹ This response is filed timely pursuant to an extension granted by Commission staff.

² Available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/7497/201808209120038497/201808209120038497.pdf> (pages 10-11).



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disbursements took place from October 2017 through February 2018.³ The Committee notes that it did not receive invoices from Thiess & Grenell for these services until February 27, 2018.⁴

Based on the *facts* described above, and pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109, this matter should be dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Deutsch", written over a horizontal line.

Brad Deutsch
Counsel to The AntiCorruption League

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³ Zephyr Teachout is the Committee's Executive Director. On May 7, 2018, then-New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced his resignation following an article that had appeared earlier that day in the New Yorker magazine. <https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/statement-attorney-general-eric-t-schneiderman>. Following Mr. Schneiderman abrupt resignation, Ms. Teachout announced later that month that she was running for the New York Attorney General position. <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Teachout-Why-I-m-running-for-attorney-general-12937778.php>. Although Ms. Girouard suggests in her complaint that the Committee's disbursements to Thiess & Grenell may have been for Ms. Teachout's "unrelated [New York State Attorney General] campaign," the timing of the services rendered to the Committee make that impossible. Specifically, the services were rendered from October 2017 through February 2018 and Mr. Schneiderman unexpected resignation did not take place until three months later in May 2018.

⁴ See Attachment A. At that time, the invoices were sent only to Ms. Teachout. The Committee's Treasurer did not receive copies of the invoices until July 13, 2018, at which point the invoices were promptly paid that same day. See Attachment B.

MUR 7498
Attachment A

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From: **Thies & Grenell, LLC** <quickbooks@notification.intuit.com>

Date: Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 3:49 PM

Subject: Invoice 1191 from Thies & Grenell, LLC

To:

Thies & Grenell, LLC

INVOICE	DUE DATE	BALANCE DUE
1191	11/15/2017	\$2,000.00

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INVOICE

BILL TO

Zephyr Teachout

INVOICE # 1191

DATE 10/15/2017

DUE DATE 11/15/2017

TERMS Net 30

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Consulting-Grenell Communications Consulting for October-November	1	2,000.00	2,000.00

Invoice for October-November

BALANCE DUE

\$2,000.00

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Date: Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 3:50 PM

Subject: Invoice 1192 from Thies & Grenell, LLC

To:

Thies & Grenell, LLC

INVOICE	DUE DATE	BALANCE DUE
1192	12/15/2017	\$2,000.00

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BILL TO:
Zephyr Teachout

INVOICE # 1192
DATE 11/15/2017
DUE DATE 12/15/2017
TERMS Net 30

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Consulting-Grenell Communications Consulting for November-December	1	2,000.00	2,000.00

BALANCE DUE

\$2,000.00

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Date: Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 3:50 PM

Subject: Invoice 1193 from Thies & Grenell, LLC

To:

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INVOICE	DUE DATE	BALANCE DUE
1193	01/15/2018	\$2,000.00

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Zephyr Teachout

INVOICE # 1193

DATE 12/15/2017

DUE DATE 01/15/2018

TERMS Net 30

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Consulting-Grenell	1	2,000.00	2,000.00
Communications Consulting for December-January			

BALANCE DUE

\$2,000.00

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Date: Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 4:12 PM

Subject: Invoice 1194 from Thies & Grenell, LLC

To:

Thies & Grenell, LLC

INVOICE	DUE DATE	BALANCE DUE
1194	03/29/2018	\$1,000.00

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BILL TO
Zephyr Teachout

INVOICE # 1194
DATE 02/27/2018
DUE DATE 03/29/2018
TERMS Net.30

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Consulting-Grenell Facebook Ads	1	1,000.00	1,000.00

BALANCE DUE

\$1,000.00

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Attachment B

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From: Alexis Grenell <

Date: Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 8:59 AM

Subject: ACL INVOICES

To: Zephyr Teachout <

> Cc:

Jennifer May <jennifer@nextlevelpartners.net>

Outstanding invoices attached.

Thanks!

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Alexis Grenell, MPA

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