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To: The Commission

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Re: MUR 8165 (National Potato Council Potato PAC) – Recommendation to Accept
Conciliation Agreement

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 12, 2023, the Commission found reason to believe that National Potato Council Potato Political Action Committee and W. Kam Quarles in his official capacity as treasurer (the “Committee”) (1) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) by failing to accurately report receipts and disbursements and cash-on-hand; (2) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(b), 103.3(b) by knowingly accepting excessive contributions from Idaho Potato PAC that included funds not subject to the limitations and prohibitions of the Act; and (3) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) by knowingly accepting contributions from corporations.¹ The Commission also approved a Factual and Legal Analysis and a draft conciliation agreement

¹ Certification ¶¶ 2-4 (Sept. 12, 2023), MUR 8165 (Pre-MUR 653) (National Potato Council Potato PAC).

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Attached is the conciliation agreement signed by the Committee
We recommend that the Commission
accept the attached negotiated agreement.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the Conciliation Agreement with National Potato Council Potato Political Action Committee and W. Kam Quarles in his official capacity as treasurer;
2. Approve the appropriate letter; and
3. Close the file.