

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 6216
Martha Coakley; Coakley for Senate)
and Nathaniel C. Stinnet, in his official)
capacity as treasurer; Coakley (State))
Committee)

CERTIFICATION

I, Darlene Harris, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on July 14, 2010, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in MUR 6216:

1. Dismiss the allegations related to the hiring of consultants on the basis of prosecutorial discretion as outlined in Heckler v. Chaney, 470 U.S. 821 (1985).
2. Find no reason to believe that respondents violated the Act or Commission regulations with respect to the asset sale agreement.
3. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft the appropriate Factual and Legal Analysis and Statement of Reasons.
4. Approve the appropriate letters.
5. Close the file.

Commissioners Bauerly, Hunter, McGahn II, Petersen and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Walther did not vote.

Attest:

July 20, 2010
Date

Darlene Harris
Darlene Harris
Deputy Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

The Honorable Martha Coakley
Attorney General
State of Massachusetts
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

JUL 23 2010

RE: MUR 6216
Martha Coakley

Dear Madam Attorney General:

On October 14, 2009, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On July 14, 2010, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by the responses in this matter, that there is no reason to believe that you violated the Act or Commission regulations with respect to the asset sale agreement. The Commission also dismissed allegations related to the hiring of consultants on the basis of prosecutorial discretion as outlined in Heckler v. Chaney, 470 U.S. 821 (1985). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons further explaining the basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

If you have any questions, please contact William A. Powers, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Roy Q. Lockett
Acting Assistant General Counsel

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Cheryl Cronin
Cronin & Leonard
Two Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

JUL 23 2010

RE: MUR 6216
Coakley (State) Committee

Dear Ms. Cronin:

On November 24, 2009, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, Martha Coakley (State) Committee, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On July 14, 2010, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by your client, that there is no reason to believe that your client violated the Act or Commission regulations with respect to the asset sale agreement. The Commission also dismissed allegations related to the hiring of consultants on the basis of prosecutorial discretion as outlined in Heckler v. Chaney, 470 U.S. 821 (1985). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons further explaining the basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

JUL 23 2010

Nicholas L. Connors
Executive Director
Massachusetts Republican Party
85 Merrimac Street, Suite 400
Boston, MA 02114-4725

RE: MUR 6216

Dear Mr. Connors:

On July 14, 2010, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated October 6, 2009, and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by the Respondents, there is no reason to believe Martha Coakley for Senate Committee and Nathaniel C. Stinnett, as treasurer, the Coakley (State) Committee, and Martha Coakley violated the Act or Commission regulations with respect to the asset sale agreement. The Commission also dismissed allegations related to the hiring of consultants on the basis of prosecutorial discretion as outlined in Heckler v. Chaney, 470 U.S. 821 (1985). Accordingly, on July 14, 2010, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

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The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact William A. Powers, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

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Roy Q. Lockett
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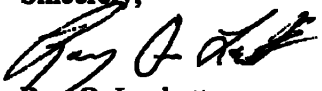
RE: MUR 6216
Martha Coakley for Senate Committee and
Nathaniel C. Stinnett, in his official
capacity as treasurer

Dear Ms. Cronin:

On October 14, 2009, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Martha Coakley for Senate Committee ("Committee") and Nathaniel C. Stinnett, in his official capacity as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On July 14, 2010, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by your clients, that there is no reason to believe that your clients violated the Act or Commission regulations with respect to the asset sale agreement. The Commission also dismissed allegations related to the hiring of consultants on the basis of prosecutorial discretion as outlined in Heckler v. Chaney, 470 U.S. 821 (1985). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

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