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MEC No. 15-0041-I

Dear Mr. Payne:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its September 3, 2015 meeting. The complaint alleged that Show Me Cannabis Regulation, a continuing committee (PAC), did not properly disclose contributions received.

The Commission investigation determined that, at the time the complaint was filed, there were two separate entities – Show Me Cannabis Regulation (PAC) and American Victory Coalition doing business as Show-Me Cannabis. The second entity is a non-profit but not a committee registered with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

To the extent Show-Me Cannabis, as the non-profit, was soliciting contributions, the investigation found no evidence that it was doing so on behalf of the PAC.

While Show-Me Cannabis PAC did hold some fundraising events but initially failed to report contributions received as coming from a fundraiser, the PAC has since amended its reports to show the contributions as being received at fundraisers.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

James Klahr
Executive Director