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Date: November 15, 2021
To: Jake Burdett
Progressive Democrats of Howard County
RE: Citizens' Election Fund Complaint

Mr. Burdett:

This correspondence is to advise you that on 11/6/2021, the Citizens' Election Fund Commission (the "Commission") received the complaint you filed against Christiana Rigby asserting a violation of the Howard County Citizens' Election Fund law, Howard County Code Section 10.300 et. seq.

Howard County Code Section 10.300(p) defines a participating candidate as "a certified candidate who has received a public contribution from the Fund during the current election cycle." Per County Code Section 10.307(b) and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, "[a] complaint alleging an impermissible receipt or use of funds by a participating candidate shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission has confirmed with the State that as of the date of the Complaint, Ms. Rigby is not a certified candidate and has not received any public contribution; therefore Ms. Rigby does not meet the definition of a participating candidate. As such, your Complaint must be dismissed.

Sincerely,

Sue Geckle
Chair, Citizens' Election Fund Commission

CC: Citizen's Election Fund Commission
Diane Zagorski, Department of Finance