BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of
FOX News Network, LLC
MUR 6952

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
OF COMMISSIONER LEE E. GOODMAN

One of my colleagues has issued a Statement of Reasons characterizing a vote to dismiss this matter, which is recorded in the certification as an exercise of "prosecutorial discretion." I question why the Commission would have exercised "prosecutorial discretion" over the wholly lawful exercise of press activity. To clarify the record in this matter, I would encourage the Commission to waive deliberative process privilege and release the transcript of the Commission's executive meeting of May 24, 2016, which informs my understanding of the Commission's actions in this case.

Lee E. Goodman
Commissioner

June 30, 2016

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1 See MUR 6952 (Fox News), Commission Certification ¶ 2(a) (May 24, 2016) (motion failed by a vote of 1 to 5 to "exercise the Commission's prosecutorial discretion, pursuant to Heckler v. Cheney, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985), to dismiss the complaint.")