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At a certain point, you're just filling in the blanks when writing *again* on how the FEC's Republican commissioners deny that a group spending most of its money on political ads is a political committee.

Here, in MUR 6596, Crossroads GPS spent \$139 million – 73% of its budget! – on political ads.

Let's fill in the blanks.



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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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CROSSROADS GRASSROOTS) MUR 6596
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POLICY STRATEGIES)

**STATEMENT OF REASONS
OF CHAIR ELLEN L. WEINTRAUB
WITH APOLOGIES TO**



During 2012, a group organized under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code
YEAR

known as CROSSROADS GPS decided that it would spend a majority of its
'SOCIAL WELFARE' GROUP NAME

budget on contributions to super PACs rather than addressing any social welfare purpose. So

they spent \$139 MILLION out of their \$189 MILLION budget on
REALLY BIG NUMBER NOT MUCH LARGER NUMBER

political activity, 73.4% of the total. OBAMA FOR AMERICA + DNC filed a
SHOCKINGLY HIGH % PROBABLY CREW

complaint with the Commission, because any organization that spends such a high proportion of its budget on political activity in a calendar year is clearly a political committee (see 52 USC 30102-04 THE LAW). The FEC's Office of General Counsel recommended that the Commission find REASON TO BELIEVE FINDING that CROSSROADS GPS 'SOCIAL WELFARE' GROUP NAME may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act by failing to register with the Commission as a political committee. But the Commission's REPUBLICANS REPUBLICANS voted as a bloc to not even INVESTIGATE THE LEAST THEY COULD DO, citing reasons that are contrary to law. So, once again, MILLIONS THOUSANDS / MILLIONS of dollars were spent on American elections without the American people having any idea where they came from. And the FEC's REPUBLICANS REPUBLICANS have once again caused the Commission to fail in its mission to protect the integrity of the federal campaign finance process by providing transparency and fairly enforcing and administering federal campaign finance laws. And that's nothing to laugh about.

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