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Dear Commissioner Gallus:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond in writing and an extension of time in *Adams v. Lewis & Clark PAC*, COPP-2025-CFP-004. We respectfully request that the complaint be dismissed.

First, at the time the texts were sent, the correct treasurer was listed. MCA 13-37-204 was followed, as the former treasurer gave thirty day notice on August 19, 2025. A new treasurer was therefore logged on the agency's website in a timely manner. Regarding the alleged reporting issue, the PAC will disclose its expenditures for these texts. The reports will reflect this texting activity, which we confirm was undertaken by the PAC. Regarding the complainant's final allegation regarding the PAC's purpose, its purpose is for the PAC to set forth, as it sees fit. How it advocates and supports responsible leaders is for the PAC, in its discretion, to determine, as long as it is consistent with its PAC status, which it is. Overall, this complaint warrants your prosecutorial discretion to dismiss, as well, based on the limited activities and compliance steps.

Thank you for your opportunity to respond and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Haley Wadsworth, Treasurer

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Lewis & Clark PAC