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PRESS RELEASE

State Ethics Commission settles with the political committee, A Stronger New Mexico for alleged violations of the Campaign Reporting Act

Albuquerque, NM, November 9, 2023 – Today, the State Ethics Commission announces it has entered into a settlement with the political committee, A Stronger New Mexico. This settlement relates to Administrative Case No. 2023-031, Goolsby v. A Stronger New Mexico, in which the complainant alleged that the political committee violated the Campaign Reporting Act by failing to specify the true recipients of the expenditures.

Without admitting any wrongdoing, A Stronger New Mexico voluntarily amended its campaign finance reports to include the identification of the respective candidates targeted by each independent expenditure. This action was taken to ensure voluntary compliance with the Campaign Reporting Act. Both parties involved in this administrative matter agreed that this action effectively resolved the complaint.

On November 3, 2023, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the settlement agreement, and the administrative case was made public.

To view the settlement and additional filings related to this case, please visit the following link: <u>State Ethics Commission: Case Management & Filing System</u> (nm.gov).

To view the Commission's meeting and minutes please visit the Commission's meetings page located at: <u>Meetings | New Mexico State Ethics Commission (nm.gov)</u>.

About the State Ethics Commission

The State Ethics Commission is an independent, constitutional state agency with the authority to enforce civil violations of New Mexico's governmental ethics and disclosure statutes, including the Campaign Reporting Act. The Commission is comprised of three Democratic Commissioners, three Republican Commissioners, and one independent Commissioner who is registered as "decline to state." The New Mexico State Ethics Commission aims to ensure transparency in campaign finance reporting.

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