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Attention: Charles E. Reeves, Jr.
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Re: Docket ID: 2021-274
Request for Rehearing for Waiver of Late Fee

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Assessment of a late fee under the circumstances will only serve to deter citizens from seeking elective office. Furthermore, the amount of the late fee is excessive in light of the amount of campaign funds received from third parties. The Board should waive or alternatively reduce the amount of the late fee given the circumstances.

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