

**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

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v. MUR No. \_\_\_\_\_

GLOBAL ENERGY PRODUCERS, LLC  
c/o Corporation Trust Company  
1209 Orange St  
Wilmington, DE 19801

IGOR FRUMAN  
83 Wood Lane  
Woodmere, NY 11598

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JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, and other  
persons who created and operated  
Global Energy Producers, LLC and  
made contributions to America First  
Action in the name of Global  
Energy Producers, LLC

**COMPLAINT**

1. This complaint is filed pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) and is based on information and belief that Global Energy Producers, LLC (“GEP”), Igor Fruman, Lev Parnas, and any person(s) who created, operated and made contributions to or in

the name of GEP (John Doe, Jane Doe, and other persons) have violated provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (“FECA”), 52 U.S.C. § 30101, *et seq.*

2. Specifically, based on published reports, complainants have reason to believe that Fruman, Parnas, and any other person(s) who created, operated and/or contributed to GEP may have violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by making contributions to America First Action, Inc. (I.D.: C00637512) in the name of another person, namely GEP, and that GEP violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by knowingly permitting its name to be used for the making of such contribution.
3. Further, based on published reports, complainants have reason to believe that GEP, Fruman, Parnas, and any other person(s) who created and/or operated GEP may have violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102, 30103 and 30104 by failing to register GEP as a political committee and failing to file disclosure reports as a political committee.
4. “If the Commission, upon receiving a complaint ... has reason to believe that a person has committed, or is about to commit, a violation of [the FECA] ... [t]he Commission *shall make an investigation* of such alleged violation ....” 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2) (emphasis added); see also 11 C.F.R. § 111.4(a).

#### **FACTS**

5. On March 6, 2018, *ForumDaily* published an article, in Russian, titled, “A Russian-speaking businessman took part in the Trump meeting with potential donors of his 2020 campaign,”<sup>1</sup> describing how a businessman named Igor Fruman participated in

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<sup>1</sup> Shimon Brimman, *A Russian-speaking businessman took part in the Trump meeting with potential donors of his 2020 campaign*, FORUMDAILY (Mar. 6, 2018), translation available at [https://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate\\_c?depth=1&hl=en&prev=search&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=ru&sp=nmt4&u=http://www.forumdaily.com/russkoyazychnyj-biznesmen-prinyal-uchastie-vo-vstreche-trampa-s-potencialnymi-donorami-ego-kampanii-2020-goda/&xid=25657,15700022,15700124,15700149,15700168,15700186,15700190,15700201,15700208&usg=ALkJrhjtVieEfhNq8rWZK5zc0LEfEBewiA](https://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?depth=1&hl=en&prev=search&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=ru&sp=nmt4&u=http://www.forumdaily.com/russkoyazychnyj-biznesmen-prinyal-uchastie-vo-vstreche-trampa-s-potencialnymi-donorami-ego-kampanii-2020-goda/&xid=25657,15700022,15700124,15700149,15700168,15700186,15700190,15700201,15700208&usg=ALkJrhjtVieEfhNq8rWZK5zc0LEfEBewiA). Attached as Exhibit A; see also Lachlan Markay, *Meet the*

an event for President Trump's campaign on March 3, 2018 at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida:<sup>2</sup>

"In the 2016 elections, I made donations to Trump's election campaign fund, and now, a year after taking over the presidency, Trump decided it was right again to invite us and turn to his supporters," said Igor Fruman, who has supported the Republican Party for many years.

"To date, President Trump is a man who has collected the best ideas for the development of the country and the settlement of international conflicts. The meeting in Mar-a-Lago was the start of his Campaign in the 2020 elections. Donald Trump clearly told us that he is going for a second term and intends to win it. And before that, he set the goal of the Republicans' victory in the mid-term elections to Congress in November 2018," Fruman said.<sup>3</sup>

6. The article also included "photo[s] from the personal archive of Igor Fruman," including one photo of Fruman with President Trump.<sup>4</sup> The article described Fruman as a Ukrainian-born businessman who "deal[s] with real estate and international trade," resides in Miami, and "still maintains ties with Ukraine," including through a charity called American Friends of Anatevka.<sup>5</sup>
7. On April 11, 2018, GEP incorporated in Delaware, with Corporation Trust Company as its registered agent and a Wilmington, Delaware, address as its agent's address.<sup>6</sup>

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*Eastern European Mystery Donors Behind the Trump-Allied Super PAC*, DAILY BEAST (July 25, 2018), <https://www.thedailybeast.com/meet-the-eastern-european-mystery-donors-behind-the-trump-allied-super-pac>.

<sup>2</sup> See Exhibit A at 3 (picture of nametag with Igor Fruman's name that states "Special Event with President Donald J. Trump" and the date March 3, 2018). The President's public schedule for that weekend in March shows two events at Mar-a-Lago that Fruman may have attended: a "Republican National Committee Spring Donor Retreat Dinner," held on the evening of March 2, 2018, and a "Trump Victory reception," held the afternoon of March 3, 2018. See *Donald Trump- President's Public Schedule*, March 2, 2018-March 3, 2018, <https://factba.se/topic/calendar> (last visited July 24, 2018). A picture of Fruman from the event shows him standing in front of a "Trump Pence Victory" backdrop. Exhibit A at 5.

<sup>3</sup> Exhibit A.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> Global Energy Producers LLC, OPENCORPORATES, [https://opencorporates.com/companies/us\\_de/6840339](https://opencorporates.com/companies/us_de/6840339) (last visited July 23, 2018). See also <https://icis.corp.delaware.gov/Ecorp/EntitySearch/NameSearch.aspx>.

8. On April 29, 2018, a user with the screenname “drensborg,” and a profile listing a location of Woodmere, United States, posted a logo design contest for Global Energy Producers.<sup>7</sup> “We are an energy company that needs a logo,” read the project description. “Looking for something very powerful and sleek.”<sup>8</sup> The budget listed was \$475.<sup>9</sup>
9. On May 15, 2018, another article originally published in Russian described “Igor Fruman, an American businessman from Florida” as a “channel of direct communication between the Jewish community of Kiev and the President of the United States.”<sup>10</sup> The article went on:

Fruman is at the same time one of the largest private sponsors of the election campaign of Donald Trump, and one of the main donors of Anatevka - a town for Jewish refugees from the east of Ukraine, established in 2014 near Kiev on the initiative of the chief rabbi of Ukraine Moshe Reuven Asman.

In an exclusive interview Igor Fruman told our portal that a week ago he participated in a closed meeting with Donald Trump. The meeting was held in Washington, and it was attended by only eight people. Another participant in the meeting was an American businessman Lev Parnas, who, like Fruman, is a member of the American Friends of Anatevka Board of Trustees.

According to Igor Fruman, the conversation was about preparations for the victory in the midterm elections to the US Congress in November 2018. Each of the guests had the opportunity to speak on important topics for him, and Fruman raised the topics of America's support for Israel and Ukraine. The reaction of Donald Trump on both topics was absolutely positive.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> *Drensborg*, DESIGNCONTEST, <https://www.designcontest.com/client/drensborg> (last visited July 23, 2018).

<sup>8</sup> *Global Energy Producers Logo Design Project*, DESIGNCONTEST, <https://www.designcontest.com/logo-design/global-energy-producers/entries/> (last visited July 23, 2018).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Jews of Ukraine pray for the success of Donald Trump*, NEW-TIMES.IN.UA (May 15, 2018), translation available at <https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=ru&u=http://new-times.in.ua/tag/igor-fruman/&prev=search>. Copy attached as Exhibit B.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

10. On May 17, 2018, GEP gave \$325,000 to America First Action, Inc.,<sup>12</sup> which describes itself as “the primary super PAC dedicated to electing federal candidates who support the agenda of the Trump-Pence administration.”<sup>13</sup> This single contribution represented 6.5 percent of America First Action’s nearly \$5 million in second quarter contributions received.<sup>14</sup> The address listed on the underlying report entry was 7670 La Cornich[e] Circle, Boca Raton, Florida.<sup>15</sup>
11. On May 24, 2018, more than two months after GEP registered in Delaware, the same designContest user posted a website design contest for Global Energy Producers LLC, this time with a \$1,395 budget.<sup>16</sup> In that posting, drensburg described GEP LLC this way:

Global energy producers was founded by a group of business leaders, representing several complimentary industries (sic). Our goal is to capitalize on opportunities around the world by leveraging both domestic and international relationships. We are a United States based company transacting in LNG, oil and gas and solar energy energy, amongst others.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> America First Action, Inc., 2018 July Quarterly, FEC Form 3X, at 15 (filed July 15, 2018), <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/113/201807159115673113/201807159115673113.pdf>.

<sup>13</sup> AMERICA FIRST ACTION, <https://www.a1apac.org/> (last visited July 24, 2018).

<sup>14</sup> *See id.* at 3.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* This Boca Raton property is reportedly owned by a man named Victor Imber, according to the *Daily Beast*: “The FEC has no record of the Russian-born Imber or GEP making any previous federal political contributions. Additional public records indicate that Imber may have rented the property to someone named Michael Braid, who likewise has no other apparent connections to the company or history of political contributions. Braid did not respond to questions about GEP. Numerous calls to Imber went unanswered.” Lachlan Markay, *Pay Dirt*, *Daily Beast* (July 19, 2018), <http://elink.thedailybeast.com/view/5a5e853824c17c4af7b7bb098a7bm.5jt/aa054f99>.

<sup>16</sup> *Drensburg*, DESIGNCONTEST, <https://www.designcontest.com/client/drensburg> (last visited July 23, 2018).

<sup>17</sup> *Global Energy Producers LLC Website Design Project*, DESIGNCONTEST, <https://www.designcontest.com/website-design/global-energy-producers-llc/entries/> (last visited July 23, 2018). In a review on designcontest.com tied to this project, Igor Fruman wrote: “This will be my 3rd time using design contest and my first time for web design and I could not be happier!!!! Customer service and designers are AMAZING!!!! I would STRONGLY recommend to anyone who needs a logo or web design to use design contest. Also, my designer WebStar was exactly that a STAR to work with!!! Thank you!!!” *See Comment* attributed to Igor Fruman, Woodmere, United States, DESIGNCONTEST, <https://www.designcontest.com.au/testimonials/?page=4> (last visited July 23, 2018).

12. On June 6, 2018, Lev Parnas contributed \$500 to the National Republican Congressional Committee (from the address 83 Wood Ln, Woodmere, NY), and described his occupation as “CEO” of “Global Energy Producers.”<sup>18</sup>
13. On June 25, 2018, Igor Fruman contributed \$2,700 to Pete Sessions for Congress (from the address 83 Wood Ln, Woodmere, NY), and described his occupation as “President” of “Global Energy Producers.”<sup>19</sup>
14. That same day, June 25, 2018, Lev Parnas also contributed \$2,700 to Pete Sessions for Congress (from the address 7670 LaCorniche Circle, 203-10, Boca Raton, FL) and described his occupation as “Executive” of “Global Energy Producers.”<sup>20</sup>
15. To date, the May 17, 2018 contribution to America First Action, Inc. is the only federal contribution that GEP has made.
16. However, according to Florida campaign finance records, on June 21, 2018, GEP gave \$50,000 to Friends of Ron DeSantis, a Florida PAC supporting gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis, from the address 83 Wood Lane, Woodmere, New York 11598.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> NRCC, July 2018 Monthly Report, FEC Form 3X, at 1568 (filed July 20, 2018), <http://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/fecimg/?201807209115831699>.

<sup>19</sup> Pete Sessions for Congress, July 2018 Quarterly Report, FEC Form 3, at 78 (filed July 14, 2018), <http://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/fecimg/?201807149115467752>.

<sup>20</sup> *Id.* at 82, <http://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/fecimg/?201807149115467756>.

<sup>21</sup> See *Campaign Finance Database*, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS, <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/campaign-finance/contributions/> (last visited July 23, 2018).

17. Five days later, on June 26, 2018, Igor Fruman gave \$25,000 to another state PAC called Florida Grown PC, from the same Woodmere, New York address.<sup>22</sup> That PAC is supporting DeSantis' opponent in the gubernatorial race, Adam Putnam.<sup>23</sup>

**PROHIBITION ON CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE NAME OF ANOTHER**

18. FECA provides that “[n]o person shall make a contribution in the name of another person or knowingly permit his name to be used to effect such a contribution and no person shall knowingly accept a contribution made by one person in the name of another person.” 52 U.S.C. § 30122.
19. The Commission regulation implementing the statutory prohibition on “contributions in the name of another” provides the following examples of “contributions in the name of another”:
- a. “Giving money or anything of value, all or part of which was provided to the contributor by another person (the true contributor) without disclosing the source of money or the thing of value to the recipient candidate or committee at the time the contribution is made,” 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(b)(2)(i).
  - b. “Making a contribution of money or anything of value and attributing as the source of the money or thing of value another person when in fact the contributor is the source.” 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(b)(2)(ii).
20. The requirement that a contribution be made in the name of its true source promotes Congress’s objective of ensuring the complete and accurate disclosure by candidates

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<sup>22</sup> See *Campaign Finance Database*, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS, <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/campaign-finance/contributions/> (last visited July 23, 2018).

<sup>23</sup> See, e.g., Mary Ellen Klas, *Adam Putnam’s quiet campaign keeps financial details off the books*, MIAMI HERALD (Mar. 24, 2017), <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article140678328.html>.

and committees of the political contributions they receive,<sup>24</sup> and ensures that the public and complainant Christ have the information necessary to evaluate candidates for office and cast an informed vote.

21. On April 1, 2016, then-Chairman Peterson and Commissioners Hunter and Goodman “provide[d] clear public guidance on the appropriate standard that we will apply in future matters” pertaining to allegations that an LLC was used to facilitate a contribution in the name of another. Statement of Reasons of Chairman Matthew S. Peterson and Commissioners Caroline C. Hunter and Lee E. Goodman, MURs 6485, 6487, 6488, 6711, 6930 (April 1, 2016) at 2.<sup>25</sup> The Commissioners advised that “the proper focus in these matters is whether the funds used to make a contribution were intentionally funneled through a closely held corporation or corporate LLC for the purpose of making a contribution that evades the Act's reporting requirements, making the individual, not the corporation or corporate LLC, the true source of the funds.” *Id.*; *see also id.* at 12. Relevant factors these Commissioners indicated they would consider included whether:

“there is evidence indicating that the corporate entity did not have income from assets, investment earnings, business revenues, or bona fide capital investments, or was created and operated for the sole purpose of making political contributions. These facts would suggest the corporate entity is a straw donor and not the true source of the contribution.”

*Id.* at 12.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> *United States v. O'Donnell*, 608 F.3d 546, 553 (9th Cir. 2010) (“[T]he congressional purpose behind [Section 30122] — to ensure the complete and accurate disclosure of the contributors who finance federal elections— is plain.”) (emphasis added); *Mariani v. United States*, 212 F.3d 761, 775 (3d Cir. 2000) (rejecting constitutional challenge to Section 30122 in light of compelling governmental interest in disclosure).

<sup>25</sup> Available at <https://www.fec.gov/files/legal/murs/6487/16044391129.pdf>.

<sup>26</sup> Mitigating factors include whether a contributor was acting pursuant to legal advice, and whether reports are corrected to reflect a true donor’s identity in advance of an election. *Id.* n.70.

22. The available facts do not suggest that GEP conducted any business or had sufficient income from assets, investment earnings, business revenues, or bona fide capital investments to make the \$325,000 contribution to America First Action at the time the contribution was made. The temporal proximity between GEP's formation and its contribution, viewed in the context of the LLC's overall activities, strongly suggests that it received funds for the specific purpose of making these contributions. GEP was formed on April 11, 2018, then made a \$325,000 contribution on May 17, 2018 (followed by a \$50,000 contribution to a state committee on June 21, 2018). Available records provide no indication that GEP had accrued sufficient assets, investment earnings, business revenues, or bona fide capital investments to make these contributions without an infusion of funds provided to it for that purpose. Indeed, GEP only began taking bids to design a low-cost website *after* it made the \$325,000 contribution, and still does not appear to have published the website.<sup>27</sup>
23. Based on published reports, there is reason to believe that GEP may have violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by “[g]iving money . . . , all or part of which was provided to” GEP by Igor Fruman, Lev Parnas, or another person (*i.e.*, the true contributor(s)) without disclosing the true source of money at the time of making the contribution to America First Action. *See* 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(b)(2)(i).
24. Based on published reports, there is reason to believe that Igor Fruman, Lev Parnas, and any other person(s) who created, operated and/or contributed to GEP may have

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<sup>27</sup> *See supra* ¶ 11. Complainants cannot ascertain whether the person making contributions in the name of GEP is Fruman, Parnas, or some other person. GEP's contribution to America First Action was made from an address associated with Parnas. *See* sources cited *supra* ¶¶ 10, 14. Its contribution to a pro-DeSantis PAC in Florida was made from an address associated with Fruman, *see* sources cited *supra* ¶¶ 13, 16, but in support of the *opponent* of a candidate to whom Fruman contributed (from the same address) the following day, *see* sources cited *supra* ¶ 17.

violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by “[m]aking a contribution of money . . . and attributing as the source of the money . . . another person [namely, GEP] when in fact [the person(s) who created, operated and/or contributed to GEP was] the source.” *See* 11 C.F.R. § 110.4(b)(2)(ii).

25. Based on published reports, there is reason to believe that GEP has violated 52 U.S.C. § 30122 by “knowingly permit[ting its] name to be used to effect such a contribution.” 52 U.S.C. § 30122.

**POLITICAL COMMITTEE STATUS, REGISTRATION  
AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

26. FECA defines the term “political committee” to mean “any committee, club, association or other group of persons which receives contributions aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year or which makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year.” 52 U.S.C. § 30101(4)(A); *see also* 11 C.F.R. § 100.5(a). “Contribution,” in turn, is defined as “any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office.” 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(A)(i). Similarly, “expenditure” is defined as “any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office.” 52 U.S.C. § 30101(9)(A)(i).
27. In *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1 (1976), the Supreme Court construed the term “political committee” to “only encompass organizations that are under the control of a candidate or the major purpose of which is the nomination or election of a candidate.” *Id.* at 79. Again, in *FEC v. Mass. Citizens for Life, Inc.*, 479 U.S. 238 (1986), the Court invoked the “major purpose” test and noted, in the context of analyzing the

activities of a 501(c)(4) group, that if a group's independent spending activities "become so extensive that the *organization's major purpose may be regarded as campaign activity*, the corporation would be classified as a political committee." *Id.* at 262 (emphasis added). In that instance, the Court continued, the corporation would become subject to the "obligations and restrictions applicable to those groups whose primary objective is to influence political campaigns." *Id.*

28. The Commission has explained:

[D]etermining political committee status under FECA, as modified by the Supreme Court, requires an analysis of both an organization's specific conduct—whether it received \$1,000 in contributions or made \$1,000 in expenditures—as well as its overall conduct—whether its major purpose is Federal campaign activity (*i.e.*, the nomination or election of a Federal candidate).

Supplemental Explanation and Justification on Political Committee Status, 72 Fed. Reg. 5595, 5597 (Feb. 7, 2007).

29. Based on the above, there is a two-prong test for "political committee" status under federal law: (1) whether an entity or other group of persons has a "major purpose" of influencing the "nomination or election of a candidate," as stated by *Buckley*, and if so, (2) whether the entity or other group of persons receives "contributions" or makes "expenditures" of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year.

30. Any entity that meets the definition of a "political committee" must file a "statement of organization" with the Federal Election Commission, 52 U.S.C. § 30103, must comply with the organizational and recordkeeping requirements of 52 U.S.C. §

30102, and must file periodic disclosure reports of its receipts and disbursements, 52 U.S.C. § 30104.<sup>28</sup>

31. The political committee disclosure reports required by FECA must disclose to the Commission and the public, including complainants, comprehensive information regarding such committee's financial activities, including the identity of any donor who has contributed \$200 or more to the committee within the calendar year. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b). The Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized the importance of campaign finance disclosure to informing the electorate. *See, e.g., Citizens United v. FEC*, 558 U.S. 310, 371 (2010) (“[T]ransparency enables the electorate to make informed decisions and give proper weight to different speakers and messages”).
32. Based on published reports, there is reason to believe that GEP has met the two-prong test for political committee status by (1) being an entity or group of persons with the “major purpose” of influencing the “nomination or election of a candidate” and (2) by receiving “contributions” of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year.
33. There is no public record of GEP conducting any significant activities other than making contributions since its formation. Consequently, there is reason to believe that GEP, Igor Fruman, Lev Parnas, and any other person(s) who created and operated GEP have violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102, 30103, and 30104 by failing to register GEP as a political committee and failing to file disclosure reports as a political committee.

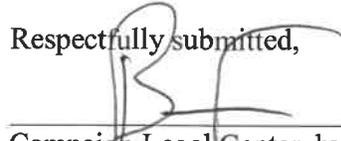
#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

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<sup>28</sup> 52 U.S.C. § 30121, the ban on foreign nationals directly or indirectly making contributions or expenditures in connection with Federal, State, or local elections, prohibits a foreign national from directly or indirectly making a contribution to an independent expenditure-only political committee.

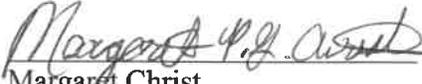
34. Wherefore, the Commission should find reason to believe that Global Energy Producers, LLC, Igor Fruman, Lev Parnas, and any person(s) who created, operated and made contributions to or in the name of GEP, LLC (John Doe, Jane Doe, and other persons) have violated 52 U.S.C. § 30101 *et seq.*, and conduct an immediate investigation under 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2).
35. Further, the Commission should seek appropriate sanctions for any and all violations, including civil penalties sufficient to deter future violations and an injunction prohibiting the respondents from any and all violations in the future, and should seek such additional remedies as are necessary and appropriate to ensure compliance with the FECA.

Respectfully submitted,



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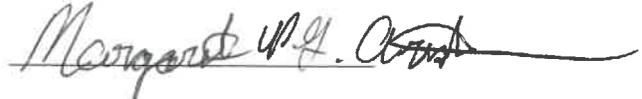
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VERIFICATION

The complainants listed below hereby verify that the statements made in the attached Complaint are, upon their information and belief, true.

Sworn pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

For Complainant Margaret Christ

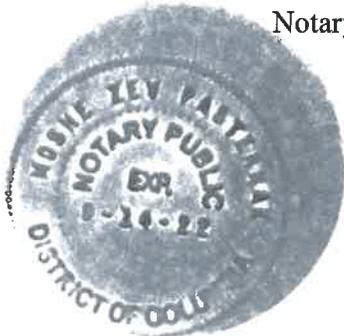


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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of July 2018.



Notary Public



For Complainant Campaign Legal Center



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# Exhibit A

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## A Russian-speaking businessman took part in the Trump meeting with potential donors of his 2020 campaign

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**Florida businessman Igor Fruman, one of the sponsors of the presidential campaign of Donald Trump, the other day participated in a special meeting of the US president with potential donors of the election of 2020.**

On the details of this event Fruman told the portal *ForumDaily* .

The meeting of the US president with his sponsors who supported him was held March 3 in Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach, in the banquet hall of an elite club owned by Donald Trump.



*Special Event*  
WITH  
PRESIDENT  
*Donald J. Trump*

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*The Mar-a-Lago Club*

**PALM BEACH, FL**

03.03.18

**Igor Fruman**

*Photo from personal archive of Igor Fruman*

"In the 2016 elections, I made donations to Trump's election campaign fund, and now, a year after taking over the presidency, Trump decided it was right again to invite us and turn to his supporters," said Igor Fruman, who has supported the Republican Party for many years.

"To date, President Trump is a man who has collected the best ideas for the development of the country and the settlement of international conflicts. The meeting in Mar-a-Lago was the start of his Campaign in the 2020 elections. Donald Trump clearly told us that he is going for a second term and intends to win it. And before that, he set the goal of the Republicans' victory in the mid-term elections to Congress in November 2018," Fruman said.

**The main theses of Trump's speech before the potential sponsors of his Campaign 2020 sounded like this:**

- the introduction of duties on steel and aluminum in order to return the production of these strategic materials to America. A country that builds its tanks and aircraft can not buy these materials in China and other countries;
- reduction to the historical minimum of unemployment. "Today, only professional unemployed democrats do not work in America," Trump joked;
- For the year the stock market has risen by 40% and there is a tendency towards imminent growth. If Clinton came to power, the market would fall by 50%;
- the rate for the return to America of production, due to the reduction of taxes on business, almost 2 times. More than 4 million Americans have since February 1 felt an increase in the check for wages, large corporations began to pay bonuses to people due to the increase in money on their accounts - this is the unexpected effect of the new tax policy;
- the expected introduction of duties on imported cars and motorcycles in the United States to remove imbalances in this issue: in America it is now 0%, and in all partner countries duties from 25% to 100% on American products, plus draconian certifications and bureaucratic restrictions;
- The wall on the border with Mexico will be built;
- illegal immigration will be limited. According to Trump, 80% of illegal immigrants are organized crime. Trump declared war on the criminal group M13, which in fact seized control over entire cities in the US.



*Photo from personal archive of Igor Fruman*

The meeting with President Trump in Florida was held a few days after the famous speech by President Putin with a video in which nuclear missiles are falling to Florida, where Trump has a house. Nevertheless, speaking of international problems, Donald Trump did not mention Russia in a single word.

"There was a feeling that the president did not pay any attention to Putin's" jokes ", Fruman said. Igor Fruman noted that among nearly two hundred guests almost half were American Jews (*Florida has one of the largest concentrations of Jewish population in the US - Sh . B.*) . One of Trump's biggest sponsors demonstratively came in a white jacket with David's embroidered blue stars. Americans of Hindu and Chinese origin were also noticeable.

A businessman living in Miami and dealing with real estate and international trade came to the United States in the early 1990s from Belarus. He was born in the town of Kalinkovichi, Gomel region in 1966, and then lived many years in Ukraine.

Fruman still maintains ties with Ukraine - he created and headed the charity organization "American Friends of Anatevka" in the USA - a town for Jewish refugees from the East of Ukraine, built near Kiev on the initiative of the Chief Rabbi of Ukraine Moshe-Reuven Asman.



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It should be noted that from March 6, 2018 yellow American school buses donated by Fruman and his friends from the United States began to run from Kiev to Anatevka and back. They will carry hundreds of children daily to the Jewish school of Anatevka. According to a businessman from

Miami, in the immediate plans of the "American Friends of Anatevka" - to give this town of refugees American ambulances  
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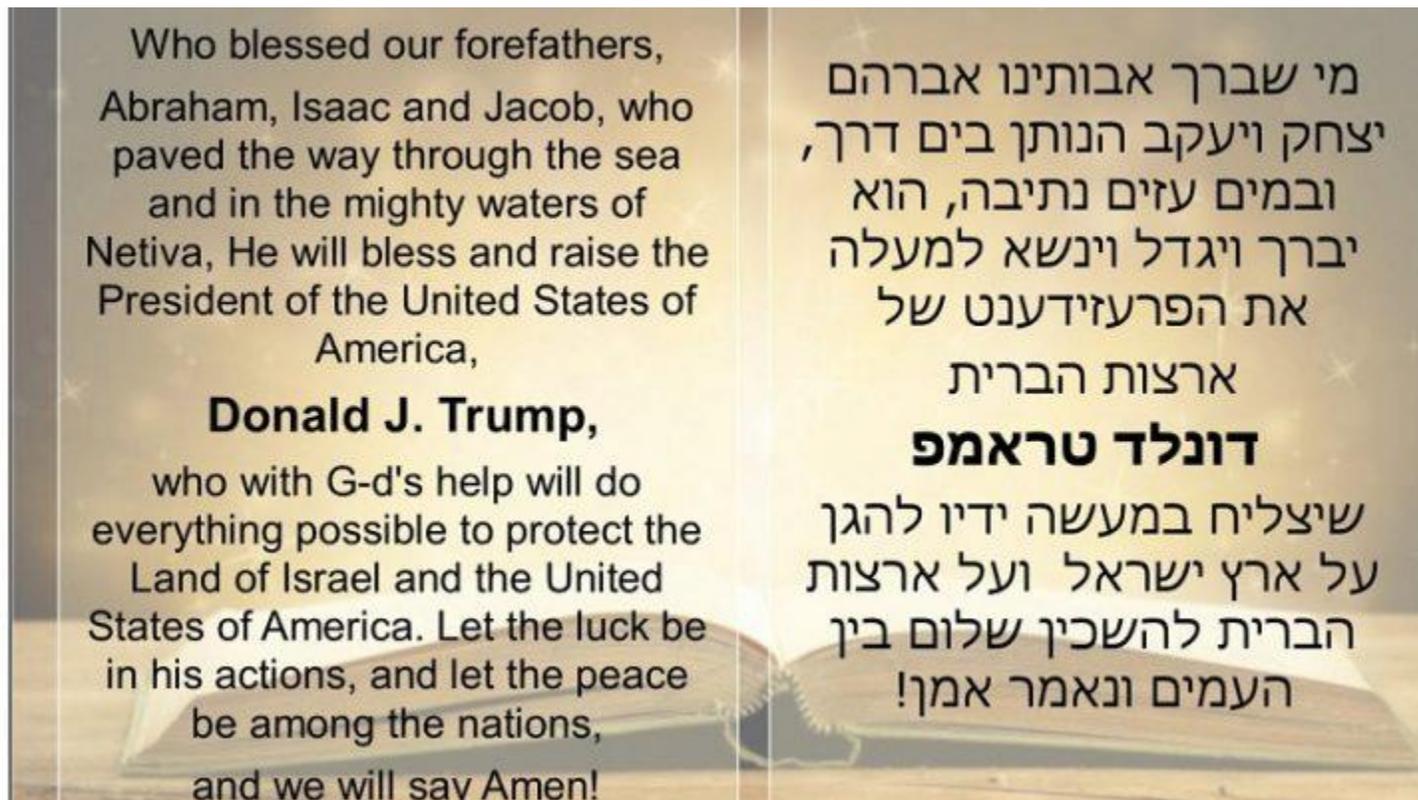
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# Jews of Ukraine pray for the success of Donald Trump

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Prayer for the success of Donald Trump to protect Israel and the United States was developed and began to be pronounced in Brodsky's Central Synagogue in Kiev. What caused this prayer and how does the private channel of direct communication between the chief rabbi of Ukraine and President Trump work?

An unusual prayer was [published](#) on May 10 on the [official site of the](#) Brodsky Synagogue in the Ukrainian capital. It is about the desire of success for US President Donald Trump in the protection of the Land of Israel and the United States.

The text is made according to the canon of ancient Jewish blessings of the supreme rulers of states.

Chief Rabbi of Kiev and Ukraine Moshe Reuven Asman explained on the website of the synagogue: "When six months ago, on the Hanukkah holiday, the US president announced the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, we decided to add one more prayer to our Saturday prayers for peace and welfare of Israel and Ukraine - for the success of President Donald Trump. "

A special urgency in the publication of such a prayer arose, according to the chief rabbi of Ukraine, right now - after the historic decision of the US president to break the shameful nuclear deal with Iran, and in connection with the impending transfer of the US embassy to Jerusalem.

Prayer for Trump will be read in the Shabbat synagogue of Brodsky - in addition to regularly read prayers for peace and security of Israel and Ukraine. "We call upon all members of our community, all Jews of Kiev and Ukraine, to say additional prayer to Shabbat for the success of Donald Trump in all his actions to protect the Jewish people, Israel and the United States," the official website of the Kiev Jewish community reads.

Rabbi Asman also noted that US President Trump is a sincere friend of Israel and Ukraine. The text of the prayer is published in Hebrew, English and Ukrainian. The Ukrainian version of the prayer says: "That, Hto, blessing our predecessors, Abraham, Isaak and Yakov, Hto vkazue slyah at the sea and course in the mighty waters, Vin bless, bewitched and received the President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, a kind of rush all mozhlive, Earth Ізраїлю і Spuluchcheni of the States of America, that vstanoviti world між peoples, и ми скажемо Амен ».

As it was possible to find out the portal "Jewish World", there is an unspoken channel of direct communication between the Jewish community of Kiev and the President of the United States. He is personified by Igor Fruman, an American businessman from Florida.



*Igor Fruman and Donald Trump after a meeting in the personal residence of the US President in Florida, May 2018.*

Fruman is at the same time one of the largest private sponsors of the election campaign of Donald Trump, and one of the main donors of Anatevka - a town for Jewish refugees from the east of Ukraine, established in 2014 near Kiev on the initiative of the chief rabbi of Ukraine Moshe Reuven Asman.

In an exclusive interview Igor Fruman told our portal that a week ago he participated in a closed meeting with Donald Trump. The meeting was held in Washington, and it was attended by only eight people. Another participant in the meeting was an American businessman Lev Parnas, who, like Fruman, is a member of the American Friends of Anatevka Board of Trustees.

According to Igor Fruman, the conversation was about preparations for the victory in the midterm elections to the US Congress in November 2018. Each of the guests had the opportunity to speak on important topics for him, and Fruman raised the topics of America's support for Israel and Ukraine. The reaction of Donald Trump on both topics was absolutely positive.

At the end of the conversation, Igor Fruman handed over to the US President a personal handwritten letter with blessings from Chief Rabbi of Ukraine Moshe Reuven Asman. Despite some violation of the formal protocol, Donald Trump took and read this letter, and then hid the message from Kiev in his breast pocket of his jacket.

Rabbi Asman refused to reveal the contents of this letter for our portal, explaining this by the personal nature of the appeal to President Trump. Nevertheless, the spiritual leader of the Brodsky synagogue confirmed the fact of the transfer of the letter and contacts with the first person of the United States through Igor Fruman. Let us note that Igor Fruman is in Kiev these days, having flown from the USA to the opening of the newly-built and sponsored children's educational and religious center in the town of Anatevka.



*Igor Fruman at the opening of the children's center in Anatevka, May 2018.*



*Opening of the children's training center in Anatevka, May 2018.*



*Rabbi Moshe Asman at the opening of the children's training center in Anatevka, May 2018.*

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