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Connecticut Citizen Action Group Files FEC Complaint against "Fight For Connecticut" PAC, associated with former Representative Themis Klarides

**Hartford, CT** - Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG) filed a complaint today (08/03/2022) with the Office of General Counsel at the Federal Election Commission alleging violations of FEC rules by Fight for Connecticut (the "Committee").

CCAG has found that Fight for Connecticut (the "Committee") still hasn't filed its <u>2021</u> <u>Year-End</u>, <u>2022 Q1</u>, and 2022 Q2 reports.

"It appears that former Representative Klarides has adopted the Trumpian belief that she and her related entities are above law. We remember when she took campaign finance more seriously and are disappointed her ambition has overrode this," **said Helen Humphreys**, **communications coordinator for CCAG**.

Additionally, it appears that Bill Cortese, last noted Treasurer of Fight for Connecticut, is now a paid staff person at the PAC, in possible violation of federal rules.

<u>Recent reports</u> of the launch of a dirty money super PAC, <u>Leadership Now</u>, raise questions – how many PACs will former Representative Klarides create, and will she follow the rules?

"Connecticut voters have a tradition of rejecting sleazy, dirty money political efforts. I don't see why former Representative Klarides thinks 2022 would be any different," **said Tom Swan, Executive Director for CCAG.** 

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