

October 1, 2024

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Commission Members:

I write today to file this Complaint against 'The Archewell Foundation', 'Prince Harry (The Duke of Sussex)' and 'Vote Forward' for believed violation of Federal Election Campaign Laws and regulations specifically Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 ([52 U.S.C. 30121\(a\)\(1\)\(C\)](#)) and **H.R.4617 The Shield Act (52 U.S.C. 30104(j))** recently amended for additional reporting requirements of disclosure of reportable foreign contacts.

On September 17, 2024, National Voter Registration Day, 'The Archewell Foundation' made a public announcement through their website <https://archewell.org> and an electronic press release to all the major USA News Media outlets including The New York Post, Newsweek and MSN with an audience of over 12.9 Million. They partnered with 'Vote Forward', a political organization, making this an electioneering communication.

The statement from 'The Archewell Foundation' reads as follows:

"In honor of National Voter Registration Day, The Archewell Foundation team came together for a meaningful volunteer activity to support and empower our communities. Using Vote Forward's impactful letter-writing tool, our team wrote personalized letters encouraging unregistered voters to take a crucial step: registering to vote.

Voting is not just a right; it's a fundamental way to influence the fate of our communities. At The Archewell Foundation, we recognize that civic engagement, no matter one's political party, is at the heart of a more just and equitable world. By participating in initiatives like this, we aim to amplify the message that every voice matters.

We invite you to join us in this important effort. To volunteer your time and write letters to potential voters, sign up at [Vote Forward's website](#)."

Background

Prince Harry

'The Archewell Foundation' is a non-profit organization created by Prince Harry and Meghan, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex – as listed on the website <https://archewell.org>

- 'Prince Harry', Duke of Sussex, is a member of the British Royal Family and the 2nd son of King Charles III, The current Monarch of the United Kingdom. Prince Harry AKA Henry Mountbatten-Windsor resides in California, since March 2020 and is currently on a Diplomatic Visa (Civil Action No.23-1198).
- Based on public records Prince Harry resides at [REDACTED] Montecito, CA 93108.

The Archewell Foundation

The Archewell Foundation public disclosure Form 990 shows an address of 9665 Wilshire Blvd, 5th Floor, Beverly Hills, CA 90212. Listed as a 501c(3) with an Employer Id Number 85-2213963. The filings show that The Archewell Foundation is not listed as a 527 Political Organization.

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Vote Forward

'Vote Forward' public disclosure Form 990 for 2023 shows an address of 611 Pennsylvania Ave, Suite 192, Washington, DC 20003. Listed as a 501c(4) with an Employer ID Number 84-2427217.

- The filings show Form 990 Page 3 answer #3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? As a "YES"
- Schedule C Part I-A 2. Political Campaign Activity Expenditures of \$1,308,801

'Vote Forward' website <https://votefwd.org> shows as list of partners "College Democrats of America" and "National Democratic Training Committee" which are the Party of Democrats. Clearly 'Vote Forward' is not a neutral political organization.

'Vote Forward' Facebook page states to be a "Political Organization"

Possible Violations

'The Archewell Foundation' made an independent expenditure within 60 days of the Presidential election meeting the criteria of electioneering communication via their press release to USA News Media. The foundation used it's employees to write personal letters to unregistered voters directly using Vote Forward's impactful letter-writing tool. 'Vote Forward' is a political organization with direct ties to the Party of Democrats. Prince Harry is a 'Foreign National' which would violate Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 ([52 U.S.C. 30121\(a\)\(1\)\(C\)](#)).

Has 'Vote Forward' notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Election Commission of the foreign contact, Prince Harry's Archewell foundation, to participate in the initiative of 'Vote Forward's encouraging unregistered voters to register to vote? 'Vote Forward' is a political organization with direct ties to the Party of Democrats. A lack of notification within the stated date restrictions would violate Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 ([52 U.S.C. 30104\(j\)](#)) **The Shield Act.**

Respectfully Submitted,

