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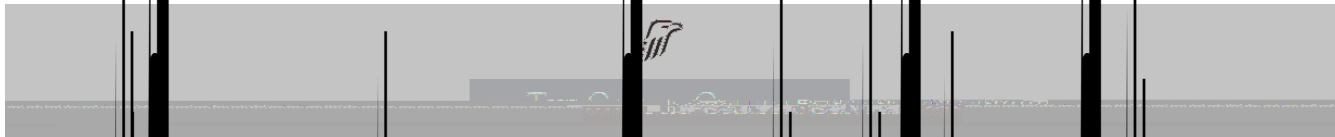
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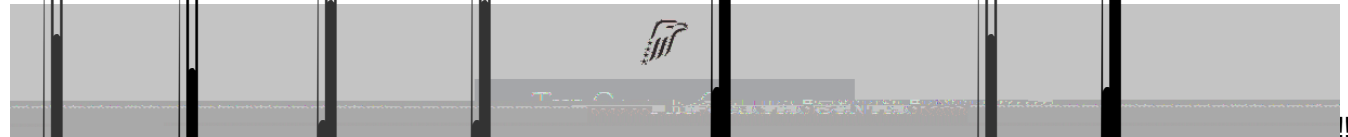
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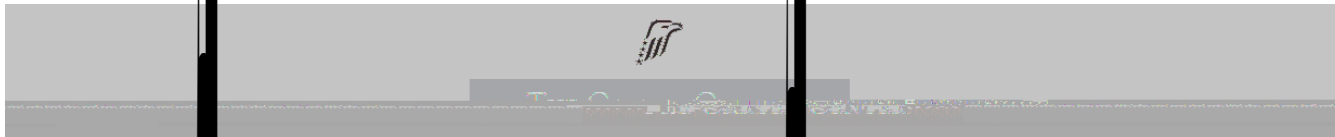
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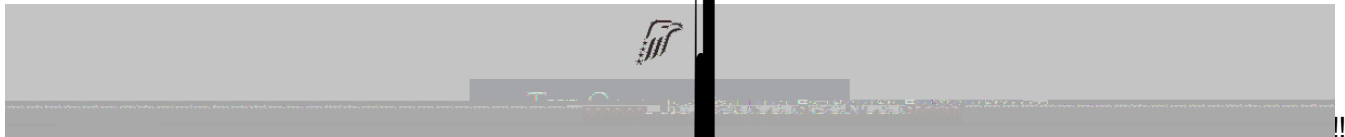
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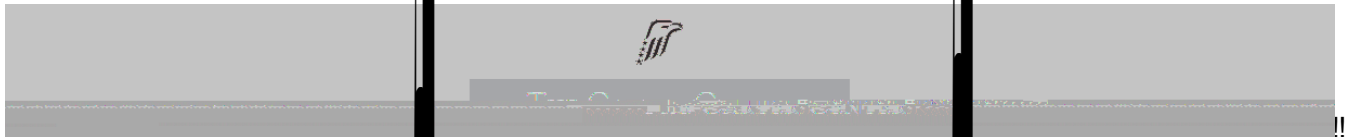


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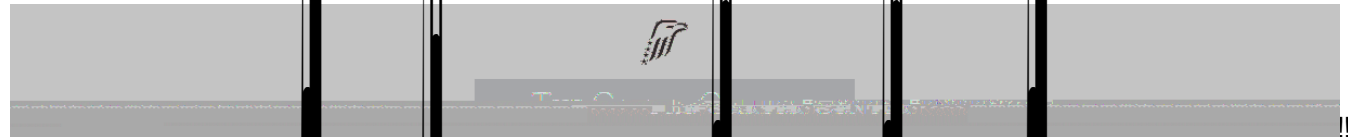
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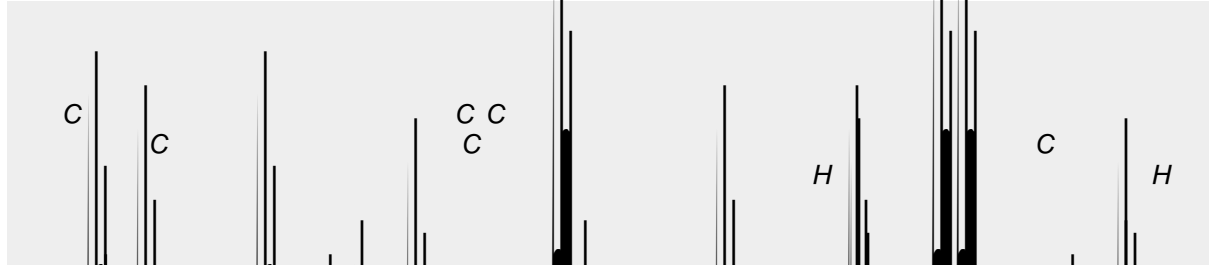


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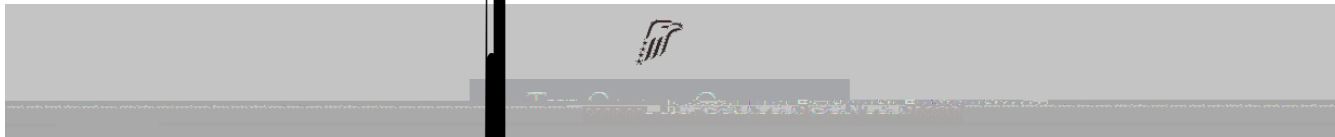


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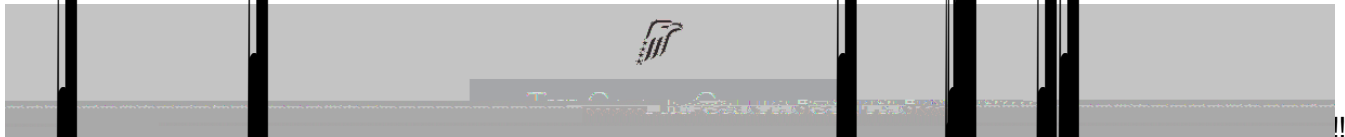


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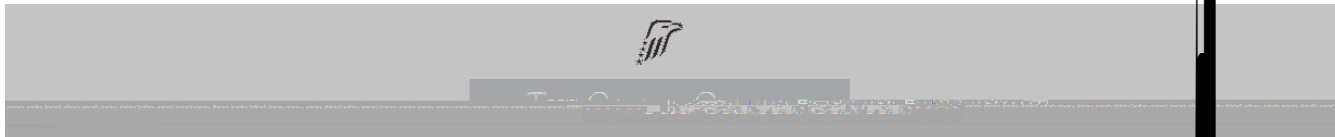
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Looking Forward



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Recommendations

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5. The PA h l d c i e i d e h e C e a l E l e c i C i i h e e c e e c e a



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- F i ga Elec al C f ai ala d id al elec i h e legi ac i ec g i ed b ll faci i he We Ba ka d Ga a;
- E i g ha ec ice ega di g he e e ai f ce ai a alie ecific g (b eligi b idige a i he i ci ali) a ec i e ih i e ai al ;
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Appendix A – Acknowledgements

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Appendix C – Electoral Dispute Resolution Complaints

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