



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

January 19, 2006

Mr. Benson K. Whitney  
260 So. Mississippi River Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55105

Dear Mr. Whitney:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) received your letter of October 24, 2005, bringing to its attention potential violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission reviewed the matter and voted on January 6, 2006 to refer it to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office. This case has been assigned the following number ADR 307/ PMUR 430. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The FEC established the ADR program to provide an informal means of resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with respondents. The ADR program provides respondents with the opportunity to negotiate, and if necessary, mediate settlement of a matter that is mutually agreeable. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If the negotiations and/or the mediation are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR Office, determined that this case is eligible for processing in that program. To be considered for ADR processing, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, the Committee or individual must: 1) indicate a willingness to have the case submitted to the ADR process; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral negotiations and, if necessary, mediation; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed in the FEC's ADR program. Additional information about the ADR program is provided in the enclosed material.

If after reviewing the material, you would like the case identified for ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that desire on the enclosed form. If we do not hear from you within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, we will conclude that you are not interested in the program and the matter will be dropped from further consideration for ADR. In that event, your case will be returned to the Commission's Office of General Counsel.

If you have questions about the ADR program please contact the office at 202-694-1670.

Sincerely,

Allan D. Silberman,  
Director, ADR Office

Enclosure:

- 1) ADR Booklet
- 2) ADR Commitment Statement

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