



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

December 13, 2006

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Re: ADR 350 (MUR 5769)

Dear Mr. Gallus:

On July 6, 2006, the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") notified Montanans for Lindeen of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with the notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to issue an admonishment, but take no further action against the Respondents Montanans for Lindeen and Paul Ringling, Treasurer and Monica Lindeen. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated November 28, 2006 this office stated:

Summary: Complaint alleges that Montanans for Lindeen, Paul Ringling, Treasurer, and Monica Lindeen, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") disseminated written campaign materials that violate the FECA, due to inadequate disclaimers. Specifically, the complaint lists campaign banners, an issues handout, a campaign palm card, and billboards. Complainant attached three photographs of communications that do not appear to have a box around the committee's disclaimer.

Respondents contend that the Committee's campaign communications were in compliance with the FECA. Respondents argued that the signs in the photographs submitted with the complaint, without a box around the disclaimer, were hand painted. Respondents did not understand the regulations to require a box around the disclaimer on large items that were not "printed materials." Respondents contend that boxes were added to the hand painted signs, however, so that all communications were in compliance with the spirit and the letter of the FECA.

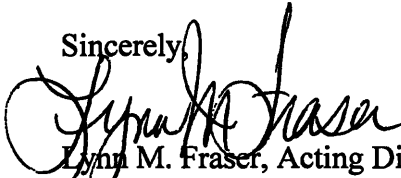
Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on December 4, 2006.

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The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). In addition, the Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between Respondents and the Commission, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please be in touch. My telephone number is 202-694-1665.

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director,
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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