



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

**SENSITIVE**

**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 5519  
Oregon-Washington Veteran )  
Action Committee, Inc. )

**Statement of Reasons**

Chairman Scott E. Thomas  
Commissioner David M. Mason  
Commissioner Danny L. McDonald  
Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub

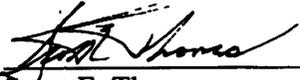
Before the Commission was a recommendation to activate this case for processing by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADRO). The case was referred to the ADRO because it was deemed appropriate under the Commission's Enforcement Priority System. The complaint alleged that the Respondent violated the Act by failing to register and report as a political committee after it sent out a mailing that advocated the election and defeat of candidates for Federal office. The mailing was apparently sent to persons who had signed a petition to keep two local Veteran Administration health facilities open. On May 3, 2005, the Commission decided by a vote of 4-1<sup>1</sup> to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and dismiss this matter.

Because this case may have required investigation and potentially raised complex legal issues, the Commission deemed it inappropriate for ADR. However, because of the very small dollar amount at issue, the Commission determined it did not warrant the resources of the Office of General Counsel.

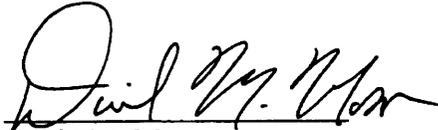
<sup>1</sup> Vice Chairman Toner objected. Commissioner Smuth was absent.

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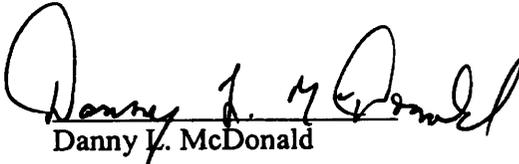
Hence, the Commission, as a matter of prosecutorial discretion and in the proper ordering of its priorities and resources, voted to dismiss this case. *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985).

  
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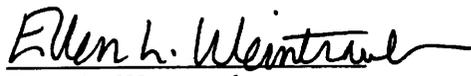
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