

September 29, 2000

Nicole McLaughlin  
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Re: MUR 4883

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has received your response to our letter regarding the complaint filed against the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortions, Inc. The FEC has reviewed that reply. Before proceeding however, we need to bring to your attention the existence of the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program.

Your case may be eligible for processing in that program. To be considered for ADR processing, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, you must: 1) indicate a willingness to have your 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 under the FEC's ADR program.

If you agree to engage in ADR, the complaint will be evaluated on its merits to determine whether it is appropriate for processing in the ADR program. Additional information about the FEC's ADR program is provided in the enclosed material. If after reviewing the material, you would like your matter to be considered for possible ADR processing, you must affirmatively indicate that desire on the enclosed form. Failure to respond affirmatively will be taken as a notice of disinterest in the program and your case will be dropped from further consideration for ADR. In that event, your case will be pursued by the Commission's Office of General Counsel.

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

Sincerely,

  
Allan D. Silberman,  
Director, ADR Office

Enclosure:

1. ADR Material
2. ADR Commitment Statement