



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

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Re: MUR 5033

Dear Mr. Herrman:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has received your response to our letter regarding the complaint filed against Dr. Daniel Hightower. The FEC has reviewed your reply and Dr. Hightower's request for pre-reason to believe conciliation. Before proceeding however, we need to bring to your attention the existence of the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program.

Your case is eligible for processing in that program. To be included in the program and commence the 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. Additional information about the FEC's ADR program is provided in the enclosed material.

If after reviewing the material, you would like your case to be identified for ADR processing, you must affirmatively indicate that desire on the enclosed form. Please let us hear from you within the next two weeks. 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

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