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Re ADR 016

Dear Mr. Dobrosky:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has received your response to our letter regarding the complaint filed against the Citizens for Ron Klink Committee, Joseph Brimmeier, Treasurer, Ed O'Brien for Congress Committee, Stephen D. Dobrosky, Treasurer, Robert Casey, Jr. for Auditor General Committee, and Thomas Ostrowski, Treasurer. The Commission has reviewed your reply and voted to refer the matter to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office. This case has been assigned the following number, ADR 016 (MUR 5116). Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The FEC established the ADR program to provide an informal means for resolving complaints and to negotiate directly with respondents. The ADR program provides respondents with an opportunity to negotiate, and if necessary, mediate settlement of a complaint 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 mediation are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR office, determined that your case is 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. Additional information about the ADR program is provided in the enclosed material.