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Re: ADR 034

Dear Mr. Fury:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has received your response to our letter regarding the complaint filed against the Senn 2000 Committee, Gloria Metz, Treasurer, Friends of Deborah Senn, and Rudi Bertschi, 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 034 (MUR 5085). 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.

If after reviewing the material, you would like your case to be identified for ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that desire on the enclosed form. Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter will be taken as a notice of disinterest in the program and your case will be dropped from further

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