



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 13, 2021

Bill Jones, Treasurer
American Freedom Fund
100 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000
Austin, TX 78701

**Response Due Date
May 4, 2021**

Re: ADR 1003 (RAD 21L-11)
American Freedom Fund and Bill Jones, Treasurer (C00736744)

Dear Bill Jones:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred a compliance issue to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The referral by the Reports Analysis Division was based on a review of reports filed by American Freedom Fund which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with American Freedom Fund and Bill Jones, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate settlement of a matter that is mutually agreeable. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If negotiations are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR Office, determined that the case is eligible for processing in the ADR program. If Respondents decide to participate in the ADR Program, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR processing; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral interest based negotiations; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed under the FEC's ADR program.

The issues referred to the ADRO, and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are summarized as follows:

RAD referred American Freedom Fund and Bill Jones, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely file one (1) 48-Hour Report totaling \$50,000 to support one (1) independent expenditure disclosed on the 2020 12-Day Pre-General Report.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE
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In a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) filed on January 27, 2021, the Committee stated that it misunderstood the 48-Hour Report was required in addition to the 12-Day Pre-General Report. The Committee further noted that the 48-Hour Report has since been filed, albeit untimely, and that it now understands the 48-Hour Report rules and reporting responsibilities. In addition, the Committee notes that it has installed procedures to ensure that additional reports are not missed.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions, which describe the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like to participate in ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR form. **Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business days from the date of this letter 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 sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel for further processing, and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 1003**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADRO at my direct dial as indicated below

Sincerely,



Joshua A. Rebollozo
ADR Specialist
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office