



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 9, 2021

Doug Derose, Treasurer
National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) Committee for a Strong Economy
1357 Rockside Road
Cleveland, OH 44134

Response Due Date
May 7, 2021

Re: ADR 1006 (AD A19-10)
National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) Committee for a Strong Economy
and Doug Derose, Treasurer (C00043091)

Dear Doug Derose:

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 Audit Division was based on a review of reports filed by National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) Committee for a Strong Economy 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 National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) Committee for a Strong Economy and Doug Derose, 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:

The Audit Division referred National Tooling & Machining Association (NTMA) Committee for a Strong Economy and Doug Derose, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for one finding detailed in the Final Audit Report of the Commission, as

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approved on March 11, 2021. The finding states that the Committee failed to properly disclose the required information for contributions made to federal candidate committees totaling \$52,887.

In response to the audit, the Committee filed amended reports that corrected the disclosure errors. The Committee also stated that it has now hired an accounting firm to prepare and file disclosure reports and that a staff member attended the FEC regional conference in February 2020, to increase their knowledge of campaign finance law and reporting requirements.

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 1006**. 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,



Rosa Marshall
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office