



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 16, 2021

Christel Slaughter, Treasurer
GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS
P.O. Box 64845
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**Response Due Date
September 7, 2021**

Re: ADR 1039 (RAD 21L-46)
GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS and Christel Slaughter, Treasurer (C00558486)

Dear Christel Slaughter:

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 (RAD) was based on a review of reports filed by GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS 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 GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS and Christel Slaughter, 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 GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS and Christel Slaughter, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to remedy excessive and impermissible 2020 Primary and General contributions totaling \$35,800 within the permissible timeframe. Of

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this amount, the Committee refunded \$35,000 outside of the permissible timeframe, and \$800 remains unremedied.

The Committee filed Form 99s (Miscellaneous Electronic Submissions) on February 24, 2020; November 5, 2020; January 19, 2021; and February 17, 2021 detailing the Committee's efforts to remedy the excessive and impermissible contributions. In addition, the Committee noted that it has safeguards in place to ensure that contributions are made by eligible contributors with federally permissible funds.

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.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 1039**. 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
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office