



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 28, 2022

Jessie Hunter, Treasurer
Forward Progress

**Response Due Date
December 9, 2022**

Re: ADR 1091 (RAD 22L-22)
Forward Progress and Jessie Hunter, Treasurer (C00815423)

Dear Jessie Hunter:

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 Forward Progress which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

An email was sent to your office on November 2, 2022, regarding an opportunity to participate in the ADR program at the Commission to resolve this matter. To date, the Commission has received no response. 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 Forward Progress and Jessie Hunter, 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 Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Forward Progress and Jessie Hunt, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely file one (1) 48-Hour Report totaling \$193,000 to support one (1) independent expenditure disclosed on the 2022 12-

Day Pre-Primary Report. On June 22, 2022, the Committee filed one (1) 48-Hour Report to Support this independent expenditure.

In a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) filed on September 6, 2022, stating that the 48-Hour Report was not timely filed due to a miscommunication about the type of activity and therefore the Committee was unaware of a need to file a 48-Hour Report.

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 by December 9, 2022 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 1091**. 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