



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 23, 2023

Steven Mele, Treasurer  
Jon Ossoff for Senate  
611 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Ste 143  
Washington, DC 20003

**Response Due Date  
November 13, 2023**

Re: ADR 1142 (RAD 23L-54)  
Jon Ossoff for Senate and Steven Mele, Treasurer (C00718866)

Dear Steven Mele:

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 Jon Ossoff for Senate 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 Jon Ossoff for Senate and Steven Mele, 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 Jon Ossoff for Senate and Steven Mele, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to remedy excessive and prohibited 2020 General and Runoff Election contributions totaling \$363,272.43 within the permissible timeframe. All of these excessive and prohibited 2020 General and Runoff Election contributions have been remedied outside of the permissible timeframe.

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On April 12, 2021, the Committee filed a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) stating it had either refunded, redesignated, or reattributed the excessive and prohibited contributions. Further, the Committee detailed its internal policies for identifying and remedying contributions related to foreign nationals, unregistered organizations, and contributions received from LLCs. On July 5, 2023, the Committee filed a Form 99 listing additional refunds.

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 1142**. 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