



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 3, 2024

Joseph LePera, Treasurer  
Mark Houck for Congress  
216 Brookthorpe Cir  
Broomall, PA 19008

**Response Due Date  
January 26, 2024**

Re: ADR 1154 (MUR 8161)  
Mark Houck for Congress and Joseph LePera, Treasurer (C00847806)

Dear Joseph LePera:

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 Office of General Counsel was based on a complaint filed by Anthony Spangler which alleges a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by Mark Houck for Congress.

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 Mark Houck for Congress and Joseph LePera, 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:

On August 27, 2023, Anthony Spangler filed a Complaint alleging that Mark Houck for Congress and Joseph LePera, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) failed to include legal disclaimers on campaign materials and in solicitations for campaign contributions, failed to collect contributor information, and failed to establish a campaign committee bank or depository.

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On September 14, 2023, the Committee filed a response acknowledging the issues raised in the complaint and stating the Committee has corrected the issues on its website and in its solicitations. Further, in its response, the Committee provided depository information for its current campaign committee bank/depository.

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 1154**. 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