



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 30, 2024

Lance Chappell, Treasurer
Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee
P.O. Box 428
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**Response Due Date
October 21, 2024**

Re: ADR 1179 (P-MUR 670)
Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Lance Chappell, Treasurer
(C00078196)

Dear Lance Chappell:

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 *sua sponte* submission filed by Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee which alleges a violation of 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 Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Lance Chappell, 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 September 11, 2023, the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Lance Chappell, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) filed a *sua sponte* submission stating

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the Committee identified cash discrepancies in its reported cash on hand for the period dating from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

In its *sua sponte* submission filed on September 11, 2023, the Committee stated the discrepancies were the result of a series of bookkeeping errors.

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 1179**. 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