



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 27, 2024

Keith Bauer, Treasurer
Dickinson for Congress Committee
P.O. Box 5367
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Response Due Date
October 18, 2024

Re: ADR 1181 (RR 23L-65)
Dickinson for Congress Committee and Keith Bauer, Treasurer (C00701847)

Dear Mr. Bauer:

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 review of reports filed by Dickinson for Congress Committee 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 Dickinson for Congress Committee and Keith Bauer, 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 Dickinson for Congress Committee and Keith Bauer, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for the failure to remedy 2022 general election contributions totaling \$44,950

within the permissible timeframe. At this time, none of the 2022 general election contributions have been remedied.

Respondents state that the failure to refund the requisite amounts was the result of human error and that the Committee has been defunct since June 2022, and intends to terminate its political committee status.

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 1181**. 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

