



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

July 14, 2003

Ms. Barbara Ryan Fuller, Treasurer
Washtenaw County Democratic Committee
17750 Sharon Valley Road
Manchester, MI 48158

Re: ADR 130/MUR 5312

Dear Ms. Fuller:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has previously advised you of a complaint filed against the Washtenaw County Democratic Committee and you as treasurer. The Commission has reviewed the matter and voted on July 11, 2003 to refer it to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office. This case has been assigned the following number ADR 130/MUR 5312. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The FEC established the ADR program to provide an informal means of resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with respondents. The ADR program provides respondents with the opportunity to negotiate, and if necessary, mediate 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 the negotiations and/or the mediation are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR Office determined that this case is eligible for processing in that program. To be considered for ADR processing, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, you must: 1) indicate a willingness to have your case submitted to the ADR process; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral negotiations and, if necessary, mediation; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed in the FEC's ADR program. Additional information about the ADR program is provided in the enclosed material.

If after reviewing the material, you would like your case identified for ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that desire on the enclosed form. Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) days of receipt 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 returned to the Commission's Office of General Counsel.

If you have questions about the ADR program please contact the office at 202-694-1670.

Sincerely,

Allan D. Silberman,
Director, ADR Office

Enclosure:

- 1) ADR Booklet
- 2) ADR Commitment Statement