



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

October 8, 2003

Ms. Lorna Kuney, Treasurer.
Rehberg for Congress Committee
P.O. Box 1597
Helena, MT 59624

Re: ADR 140/MUR 5323

Dear Ms. Kuney:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) has received your response to our letter regarding the complaint filed against Rehberg for Congress. The Commission has reviewed that letter and voted on October 7, 2003 to refer it to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office. This case has been assigned the following number ADR 140/MUR 5323. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AS", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Allan D. Silberman,
Director, ADR Office

Enclosure: ADR Booklet and
Commitment Statement