



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

December 16, 2003

M. Mickey Williams, Treasurer
Friends of John Conyers
12138 Central Avenue, Suite 194
Mitchellville, MD 20721

Re: ADR 146 (RR 03-01)
Friends of John Conyers and M. Mickey Williams, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of reports filed, beginning with 2001-2002 election cycle, warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. RAD referred the matter after Friends of John Conyers failed to correct math discrepancies totaling approximately \$2,366,274. It appears that some of the math errors can be attributed to incorrect election cycle-to-date figures on the summary and detailed summary pages of the reports, as well as a discrepancy, on at least two occurrences, between the ending cash-on-hand amount on one report and the beginning cash-on-hand on the following report. Some specifics include reports filed in 2001 that did not include \$54,848 in election cycle activity from the 2000 20-Day Post General and the 2000 Year-End Reports. Also, reports filed in 2002 did not include approximately \$318,374 from the 2001 Mid-Year and Year-End Reports. Reports filed subsequent to reports with errors continue to be incorrect. RAD attempted to contact you through the use of "Requests for Additional Information" and telephone to resolve these issues, but no response was received. The Commission, thereafter, assigned this matter to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office ("ADRO") for processing.

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 Friends of John Conyers and M. Mickey Williams, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an 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 negotiations and/or mediation 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 you decide to participate in the Program, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case

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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 under the FEC's ADR program.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed brochure, which describes the ADR program, you would like your case selected for ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR Program form. **Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business 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 sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel for appropriate action, and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as ADR 146. 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,

Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosures: Brochure
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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