



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

May 3, 2004

Gil Baird, Treasurer
Battles for Congress
P.O. Box 14080
East Providence, RI 02914

Re: ADR 159 (AR 04-02)
Battles for Congress and Gil Baird, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Baird:

The Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of the 2002 records warranted further examination for possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Enclosed is a copy of the referral for your reference. 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 Battles for Congress and Gil Baird, 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 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 to be resolved through ADR, 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**

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consideration for ADR. In that event, your case will be sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 159**. 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
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Enclosures: Brochure
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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