



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

July 25, 2005

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Re: ADR 240 (MUR 5608)

Dear Mr. Miller:

On November 12, 2004, the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") notified Lamar Outdoor Advertising and Lamar Advertising Co., of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with the notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the Respondents Lamar Outdoor Advertising and Lamar Advertising Co. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated July 6, 2005, this office stated (in part):

SUMMARY: The three complaints, filed by Friends of Bennie Thompson, allege that Respondents *** had at least two billboards that failed to contain any disclaimer as to who authorized and paid for the advertisements.

Lamar Outdoor Advertising and Lamar Advertising Company (the "Lamar Respondents") contend that the Committee provided the communication information and approved the final art product before the contract was paid and the billboards placed. The Lamar Respondents further contend that although the LeSueur Respondents never referred to the need for a disclaimer, the required disclaimer was added by the Lamar Respondents as soon as it was brought to their attention by the Complainant's counsel.

Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on July 13, 2005.

The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). In addition, the Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between Respondent(s) and the Commission, and reports prepared for the

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Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please be in touch. My telephone number is 202-694-1665.

Sincerely,

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