



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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Washington, DC 20463

December 12, 2005

Timothy O'Brien, Executive Director  
Massachusetts Republican Party  
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Boston, MA 02114

ADR 274/MUR 5599

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

This letter is to advise you of the settlement of the complaint that you filed on October 29, 2004 against the Law Offices of James Sokolove and John Kerry for President, Inc., charging various violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After receiving replies from the respondents, the Commission evaluated the case and assigned the matter to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office for processing. Subsequently, that Office entered into negotiations with the representative of the Law Offices of James Sokolove. The purpose of the negotiations was to achieve a satisfactory resolution of the issues involved in the complaint and at the same time promote compliance with the Act. Those negotiations resulted in a negotiated agreement that was approved by the Commission on December 8, 2005. A copy of the negotiated agreement is enclosed. At the same time, the Commission determined, after considering the circumstances of the matter, to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against John Kerry for President, Inc. and Robert Farmer, Treasurer.

The settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). Accordingly, a copy of the agreements will be forwarded to the FEC's Public Information Office to be placed on the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan D. Silberman".

Allan D. Silberman,  
Director, ADR Office

Enclosure