



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

September 1, 2005

Alan Bean, Treasurer
Melissa Bean for Congress
P.O. Box 3068
Barrington, IL 60010

Re: ADR 289 (RR 05L-41)
Melissa Bean for Congress and Alan Bean, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Bean:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of RAD reports filed by Melissa Bean for Congress and Alan Bean, Treasurer ("Respondents") warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission, thereafter, reviewed the file and voted on August 29, 2005 to assign 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 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 Respondents 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.

The issues referred to the ADRO and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are summarized as follows:

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RAD referred Melissa Bean for Congress and Alan Bean, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to disclose debt totaling \$50,908.02 on their 2004 30 Day Post General Report. Respondents' amended report resulted in a 398% increase over the amount of debt reflected in the Committee's original 2004 30 Day Post General Report. In response to the Request for Additional Information, the Committee stated that the report was amended to "add accounts payables attributable to the 2004 General Election that were verified pursuant to a compilation and review of outstanding invoices, and to add deferred income in the form of salary and consulting bonuses negotiated by principal staff and campaign consultants."

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed brochure, which describes the ADR program, Respondents would like this 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 and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 289**. 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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