



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

September 21, 2005

Robert J. Catron, Treasurer  
Thelma Drake For Congress  
P.O. Box 61480  
Virginia Beach, VA 23466

Re: ADR 293 (RR 05L-43)  
Thelma Drake For Congress and Robert J. Catron, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Catron:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of the 2004 election cycle reports filed by Thelma Drake For Congress and Robert J. Catron, Treasurer 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 September 19, 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:

RAD referred Respondents for failing to provide the required contributor information for 171 of 429 of the itemized contributions received from individuals during the 2003-2004

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election cycle. The lack of adequate contributor identification on the 2004 October Quarterly, 2004 12 Day Pre-General and 2004 30 Day Post General reports resulted in inadequate identification of 40% of itemized contributions from the Committee. In response to RFAs sent to the Committee, Respondents sent amended reports. Those amended reports, however, did not remedy the omissions.

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 293**. 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  
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Enclosures: Brochure  
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR  
Designation of Representative/Counsel