



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

March 31, 2006

Mary Rose Adkins, Treasurer
National Rifle Association of America
Political Victory Fund
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Ms. Adkins:

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of reports filed by the National Rifle Association of America Political Victory Fund and you as Treasurer (the "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 March 29, 2006 to assign this matter to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) office 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 the Committee decides to participate in the Program, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, it should: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have their 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 ADR Office and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are described as follow:


RAD referred Respondents for failing to file one (1) 48-Hour Notice to support one (1) independent expenditure totaling \$195,399.34, disclosed on the Amended 2004 August Monthly Report, received September 16, 2004, and seven (7) 24-Hour Notices to support thirteen (13) independent expenditures totaling \$93,442.34, disclosed on the 2004 30 Day Post-General Report. Additionally, the Committee failed to include \$3,676.89, in activity on 24-Hour Notices filed to support independent expenditures disclosed on the 2004 30 Day Post-General Report. Respondents explained that the failure to file the required 48-Hour and 24-Hour Notices for independent expenditures on the 2004 August Monthly and 2004 30 Day Post-General Reports respectively was due to an inadvertent oversight. Following notification from the Commission, the missing Reports were filed with the Commission.

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If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed brochure, which describes the ADR program, the Association would like the matter processed in ADR, you, as Treasurer, 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, either your case will be sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel or the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 314/RR 05-68**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADR Office at 202-694-1670.

Sincerely,


Allan D. Silberman
Director, ADR Office

Enclosures:

1. ADR Brochure
2. ADR Commitment Statement

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