



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

October 27, 2006

M. Mickey Williams
1831 Bay Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ADR 339 (AR 06-02)
Friends of John Conyers and M. Mickey Williams, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of the Friends of John Conyers reports filed 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 14, 2006 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 Friends of John Conyers and M. Mickey Williams, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee"). 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:

Summary: The Audit Division referred Friends of John Conyers and M. Mickey Williams, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to sufficiently disclose all receipts, for failing to timely deposit receipts, for failing to properly disburse

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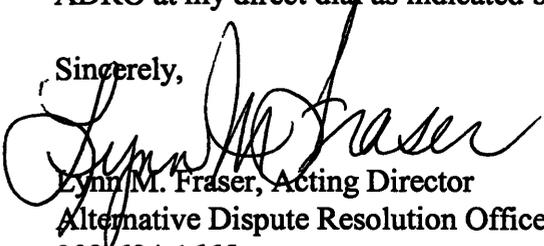
funds, and for failing to maintain an accurate record of the disbursements. Specifically, the Audit staff determined that Respondents did not adequately disclose information for fifteen percent (15%) of itemized contributions from individuals, and approximately twenty-two percent (22%) of contributions from PACs, totaling \$19,250. The audit also found that the Committee failed to deposit, in a timely manner, fifty-five (55) checks from individuals totaling \$35,500, or approximately twenty-three percent (23%) of the total dollar value of individual contributions. In addition, the Audit staff determined that Respondents made sixty-nine (69) cash withdrawals from one of its bank accounts, totaling \$20,506, and failed to maintain adequate records for \$19,586 of those cash withdrawals.

Respondents did not dispute omissions in some of their reports, but contend that they responded affirmatively to the Audit Division's recommendations. Respondents state they complied with the recommendations to change procedures to ensure future compliance, and filed the necessary amended reports.

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 339. 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,


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