



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 4, 2006

Neel Pender, Executive Director
Democratic Party of Oregon
232 NE 9th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Re: ADR 341 (MUR 5747)

Dear Mr. Pender:

On May 15, 2006, the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against the Respondents, Erickson for Congress and Craig McQuarrie, Treasurer. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated September 11, 2006, this office stated:

Summary: The complaint alleges that Erickson for Congress and Craig McQuarrie, in his official capacity as Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") filed a false 2006 April Quarterly Report, as they failed to disclose all the Committee's financial activity. The complaint goes on to allege that Respondents spent at least \$1,000 for advertising in the Oregon's Voters' Pamphlet, and the Committee was required to pay the fee no later than March 9, 2006.

Respondents contend that they did not report the expenditure made by the candidate because they believed they were not required to, as the Committee had not yet received contributions, or made expenditures, in excess of \$5,000. Respondents contend further that they filed an amended 2006 April Quarterly Report on May 3, 2006 disclosing the debt from the candidate.

Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on September 14, 2006.

The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). In addition, the

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Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between Respondents and the Commission, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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