



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

December 11, 2006

Thomas J. Shopa
3301 Lancaster Pike, Suite 4B
Wilmington, DE 19805

Re: ADR 351 (RR 06L-23)
Republican State Committee of Delaware and Thomas J. Shopa, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Shopa:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of reports filed by the Republican State Committee of Delaware 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 December 4, 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 Republican State Committee of Delaware and Thomas J. Shopa, 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: RAD referred the Republican State Committee of Delaware and Thomas J. Shopa, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to disclose all financial

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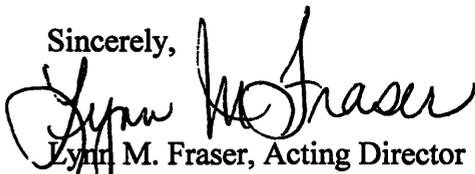
activity on their 2004 30 Day Post-General Report. Respondents filed the original 2004 30 Day Post-General Report on December 2, 2004. On May 6, 2005, Respondents filed an Amended 30 Day Post-General Report that disclosed additional disbursements totaling \$79,004.62. RAD sent a RFAI to the Committee on June 1, 2005 regarding the additional disbursements. On April 27, 2006, Respondents filed a second Amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report disclosing additional disbursements. The aggregate additional disbursements for the two amended reports was \$81,584.05.

Respondents filed a miscellaneous electronic submission on June 20, 2005 contending that two transactions had not been included as disbursements when the original 30 Day Post-General report was filed. Respondents filed a second miscellaneous electronic submission on May 25, 2006 stating "When these transfer occurred in October of 2004, the Committee's staff person ... entered these transfers into our accounting software system. The transfers did not, however, flow through to our reporting software, and thus were not included in the Committee's original 30 Day Post-General FEC report filed in December of 2004. The Committee has subsequently taken several steps to insure that such omissions do not recur, including additional internal reviews prior to filing."

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 351. 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