



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

May 7, 2007

Neil Reiff, Esq.
Sandler, Reiff & Young, P.C.
50 E Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ADR # 360
Citizens for Altmire and Joann L. Clarke, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Reiff:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the complaint filed on September 28, 2006 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Citizens for Altmire and Joann L. Clarke, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 360 (MUR 5828) was approved by the Commission on April 30, 2006 – the effective date of the agreement.

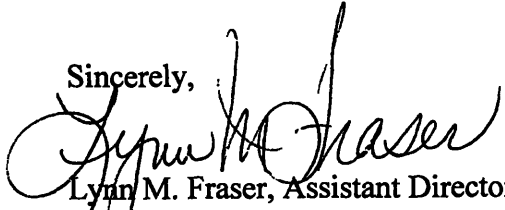
Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 6 of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 6 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6.

As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

This agreement resolves the matter that was brought to the attention of the FEC by the Beaver County Republican Committee regarding an alleged violation of the federal election campaign laws. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

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Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement

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Case Number ADR 360
Source MUR 5828
Case Name Citizens for Altmire

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn and notarized complaint filed by Martin H. Matthews. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("FECA") and resolve this matter, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") entered into negotiations with Neil Reiff, Esq., representing Citizens for Altmire and Joann L. Clarke, in her official capacity as Treasurer ("the Committee" or "Respondents"). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in this complaint. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

- 1 The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures ("ADR") is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996," 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
- 2 Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. Complainant alleges that Respondents failed to have disclaimers on billboards erected in the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.
4. The FECA states that all public communications for which a political committee makes a disbursement must include a disclaimer. If the communication is paid for and authorized by a candidate, an authorized committee of a candidate, or an agent of either of the foregoing, the disclaimer must clearly state that the communication has been paid for by the authorized political committee. 2 U.S.C. § 441d, 11 C.F.R. § 110.11.
5. Respondents acknowledge an inadvertent violation of FECA due to inexperienced Committee staff assuming the vendor would add the required disclaimer to the thirteen signs. Respondents contend that appropriate disclaimers were added one week after the signs were originally erected, which was more than two months before the General Election. Respondents further contend that they don't believe the signs

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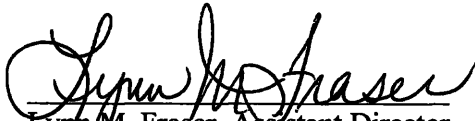
confused the public, as the message on the original signs was positive and included the Committee's internet address.

6. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) designate a communications compliance specialist who will review every communication prepared by the Committee to ensure compliance with the FECA; and (b) send a representative to attend a FEC seminar within twelve months of the effective date of this agreement.
7. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
9. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this agreement.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 360 (MUR 5828), and effectively resolves the issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

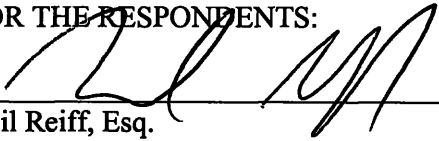
Deborah Kant, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

By:


Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director

4-30-07
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Neil Reiff, Esq.
Representing Citizens for Altmire and
Joanne L. Clarke, Treasurer

4/23/07
Date Signed

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