



Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

June 6, 2007

Maureen Schaefer Peckman  
Hafen for Congress  
P.O. Box 530996  
Henderson, NV 89053

Re: ADR 373 (MUR 5868)

Dear Ms. Peckman:

On November 8, 2006, the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") notified Hafen for Congress of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with the notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and take no further action against the Respondents Hafen for Congress and Maureen Schaefer Peckman, Treasurer. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated May 16, 2007, this office stated:

**Summary:** The FECA requires that when a principal campaign committee receives last minute contributions of \$1000 or more, the Committee must report these contributions within 48 hours of receipt. These 48-notices are required between 2 and 20 days before the election in which the candidate is running. The notices must include the candidate's name, the date of receipt, the amount of the contribution, and the identification of the contributor.

In this case, the Complainant alleges Hafen For Congress and its Treasurer, Maureen Schafer Peckman ("the Respondents" or "the Committee") did not timely file nine 48-hour notices, totaling \$17,500. The Respondents explained that this omission was an administrative error, resulting from a miscommunication between the compliance staffer and the fundraiser. The Committee further explained that the staff personnel believed that the fundraiser would fax the Committee the cancelled checks for the contributions, while the fundraiser thought that the staffer would pull them up from the database.

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Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 30, 2007.

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 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please be in touch. My telephone number is 202-694-1661.

Sincerely,

  
Deborah Ruth Kant, Director,  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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