



Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

June 25, 2007

Randolph H. Bates  
P.O. Box 2442  
Beaufort, SC 29901

Re: ADR 393 (MUR 5891)

Dear Mr. Bates:

On December 21, 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 issue an admonishment take no action against the Respondents, Beaufort County South Carolina Republican Party and Norma G. Stewart, Treasurer. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated June 13, 2007, this office stated:

**Summary:** Complainant alleges that Beaufort County South Carolina Republican Party and Norma G. Stewart, Treasurer ("Respondents or Beaufort County") failed to report certain FEA Type III advocating the election of a federal candidate with respect to: (i) advertisements in local newspapers, (ii) a mailer of 500 letters, (iii) emails, (iv) phone bank operations, and (v) campaign flyers. Complainant also alleges that the newspaper ads lack the proper written disclaimers; that the phone banks were funded by the Beaufort County's state campaign account; and that Beaufort County made a contribution to a federal candidate from its state account.

Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 20, 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

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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,



Deborah Ruth Kant, Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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