



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 26, 2007

Randolph H. Bates
P.O. Box 2442
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Re: ADR 394 (MUR 5892)

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, Jasper County Democratic Party and Freddie Brantley, Treasurer. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated June 13, 2007, this office stated:

Summary: Complainant alleges that JCDP and its Treasurer, Freddie Brantley, failed to report certain FEA Type III, advocating the election of a federal candidate for the 2nd District of South Carolina, Michael Ellisor. With respect to the advertisements in local newspapers, Complainant also alleges that these ads exceeded the FEC reporting threshold and that they lack the proper written disclaimers. In response, JCDP explains that the cost of all the ads attributable to campaigning for the one federal candidate out of the 15 Democratic candidates was \$50, well below the \$1000 threshold for political committee status. The Respondents admit that the written disclaimers did not comply with all the FECA's requirements in that the disclaimers did not contain a statement of authorization or non-authorization by the candidate, and there were no printed boxes. The Respondents assert that all future ads will comport with the FECA.

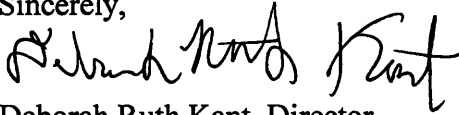
Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on June 20, 2007.

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 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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