



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

November 25, 2008

Sharon Martin
335 N. River Rd., Suite 203
Batavia, IL 60510

Re: ADR 472 (RAD 08L-34)
Oberweis for Congress and Sharon Martin, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Martin:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) determined that matters arising from its recent review of reports filed by Oberweis for Congress warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission, thereafter, reviewed the file and assigned this matter to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) 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 Oberweis for Congress and Sharon Martin, 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:

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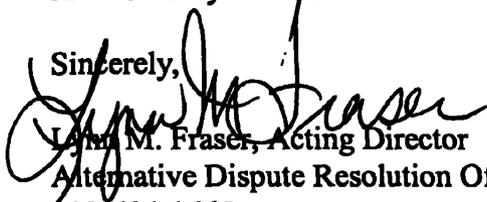
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The Reports Analysis Division referred Oberweis for Congress and Sharon Martin, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2008 30 Day Post-Special Report. On April 7, 1008, Respondents filed their original 2008 30 Day Post-Special Report that disclosed no debts owed by the Committee. Respondents filed amended 2008 30 Day Post-Special Reports on April 16, June 2, June 18, and July 15, 2008 resulting in an increase in debt owed by the Committee of \$218,197.54. In reply to Requests For Additional Information (RFAs) sent, the Committee stated that in part the omissions were due to staff not ascertaining that all financial activity was accounted for when the original report was filed. In addition, Respondents stated the problem was exacerbated by the late receipt of bills from a media consultant company and a fundraising consultant.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed brochure, which describes the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like this case selected for ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR 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 for further processing, and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 472**. 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,


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

Enclosures: Brochure
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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