



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

July 1, 2009

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Re: ADR 500 (MUR 6045)
Wicker for Senate and Paul Breazeale, Treasurer
Friends of Roger Wicker and John P. Nail, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

After a review of the responses submitted regarding the complaint filed against Wicker for Senate and Paul Breazeale, Treasurer and Friends of Roger Wicker and John P. Nail, Treasurer ("Respondents" or "the Committee"), the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") concluded that the Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process is a more appropriate route through which to resolve this matter. On June 24, 2009, the Commission voted to refer it to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office ("ADRO"). This case has been designated as **ADR 500**. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving referrals. The ADR program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate, and if necessary, mediate settlement of a referral that is mutually agreeable. If the negotiations are successful the resulting settlement concludes the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR Office, determined that your case is eligible for processing in that program. To be considered for ADR processing, the Respondents must: 1) indicate a willingness to have their case submitted to the ADR process; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral negotiations; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed under the Commission's ADR program. Additional information about the ADR program is provided in the enclosed material.

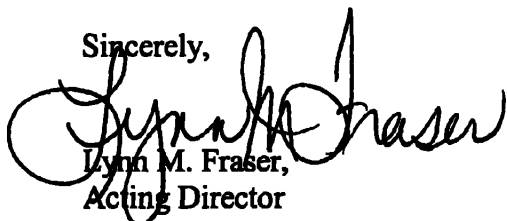
If, after reviewing the material, the Respondents agree to have their case resolved through ADR processing, they need to affirmatively indicate that desire on the enclosed form. In addition, we see that a Designation of Counsel naming you was submitted for Wicker for Senate. When you send your response to this letter, please also complete the Designation of Counsel section to indicate you are serving as Counsel for Friends of Roger Wicker as well, if that is the case. **In order to bring this matter to a speedy resolution, please respond no later than fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this letter.**

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The ADR Office has received the materials that were submitted to the Office of General Counsel, but if you wish, please provide any additional response Respondents would like to make, including proposed stipulations or terms to resolve the matter. If you'd like to provide some dates and times when you'd be available to discuss this matter in detail, please include them on a separate sheet of paper. I will then review my calendar, so that a time can be scheduled. We anticipate that this matter will require only a brief meeting to bring it to conclusion.

If you have any questions about the ADR Program, or need any clarification of the status of this case, please contact me directly at the number given below.

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser,
Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
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cc: William McGinley, Esq.

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