



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 30, 2009

Patrick Collins
League of Conservation Voters Fund
1920 L Street, NW Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036

Re: ADR 499 (AR 09-02)
League of Conservation Voters Fund and Patrick Collins, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Collins:

The Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") determined that matters arising from its recent review of reports filed by League of Conservation Voters Fund warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission referred 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 League of Conservation Voters Fund and Patrick Collins, 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:

The Audit Division (Audit) referred League of Conservation Voters Action Fund and Patrick Collins, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for misstatement of financial activity during calendar years 2005 and 2006. Specifically, Audit found that Respondents materially

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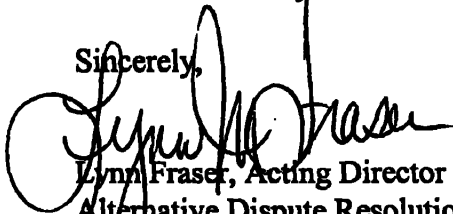
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misstated receipts, disbursements and cash-on-hand balances for calendar years 2005-2006. During 2005, the Committee: understated beginning cash-on-hand by \$10,585; overstated receipts by \$5,521; understated disbursements by \$2,590; and understated ending cash-on-hand by \$2,474. During 2006, the Committee: overstated receipts by \$9,109; understated disbursements by \$113,680, and overstated the ending cash-on-hand by \$120,315. Audit noted that in response to the interim audit recommendations, Respondents took steps to improve its accounting and reporting procedures, and identified reported contributions originally received by the League of Conservation Voters which had not been transferred to the Committee. Respondents filed amended reports that materially corrected the misstatements.

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 499**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADR Office at my direct dial as indicated below

Sincerely,



Lynn Fraser, Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
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Enclosures: Brochure
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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