



Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

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Re: ADR 511 (PMUR 483)
Christopher Shays for Congress Committee and Christopher Shays, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Noble:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC/Commission) received your submission Christopher Shays for Congress Committee and Christopher Shays, Treasurer (Respondents). The Commission reviewed your reply and voted to bifurcate the matter and send the Committee to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office). This case has been designated as ADR 511. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving complaints. The ADR program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate, and if necessary, mediate settlement of a complaint that is mutually agreeable. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If the negotiations and/or mediation 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; i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, you must: 1) indicate 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 Commission's ADR program. Additional information about the ADR program is provided in the enclosed material.

If, after reviewing the material, you would like your case to be identified for ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that desire on the enclosed form. Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of this letter will be taken

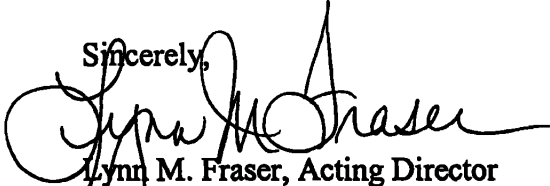
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as a notice of disinterest in the program, and your case will be dropped from further consideration for ADR. In that event, your case will be returned to the Commission's Office of General Counsel for further processing.

If you decide to participate in the ADR Program, please provide any additional response Respondents would like to make, including proposed stipulations or terms to resolve the matter. Please also provide some dates and times when you'd be available to discuss this matter in detail on a separate sheet of paper. I will then review my calendar, so that a time can be scheduled.

If you have any questions about the ADR Program, please contact me directly at the number given below.

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1661/1665

Enclosures:

ADR Booklet

ADR Commitment Statement and Designation of Counsel/Representative