



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 10, 2011

Friends of Ross Bieling
Ross Parker Bieling, Treasurer
7000 South Sylvan Lake Drive
Sanford, FL 32771

Re: ADR 559 (RAD 11L-02) Friends of Ross Bieling and Ross Parker Bieling,
Treasurer

Dear Mr. Bieling:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") involving Friends of Ross Bieling and Ross Parker Bieling, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 559 (RAD 11L-02) was approved by the Commission on August 2, 2011 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 6 of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6, and contain the ADR caption and case number.

As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint/referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

This agreement resolves the matter that was initiated by the Commission pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities regarding violations of federal election campaign laws. I appreciate your

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assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,



Krista J. Roche

Assistant Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enclosure: Agreement

cc: Gwen Holmes, Finance and Accounting Office

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Washington, DC 20463**

Case Number: ADR 559
Source: RAD 11L-02
Case Name: Friends of Ross Bieling

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission (Commission) pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Following review of the matter, in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (FECA), and to resolve this matter, the Commission entered into negotiations with Ross Bieling, representing Friends of Ross Bieling and Ross Bieling, in his official capacity as Treasurer (the Committee or Respondents). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in this referral. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

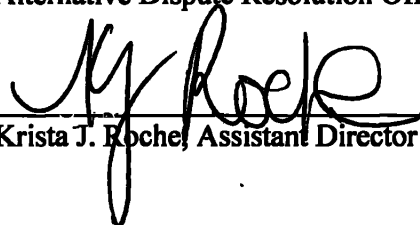
1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996," 5 U.S.C. § 572, and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
2. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial activity. On October 22, 2010, Respondents amended their 2010 July Quarterly Report to disclose additional receipts totaling \$200,000.00, representing a loan from the candidate.
4. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2)(G) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a)(3)(vii), each report filed with the FEC must disclose all receipts including loans to an authorized committee made or guaranteed by the candidate.
5. Respondent Bieling contends that he entered the loan in question incorrectly into his e-filing software, and, due to his difficulties with the software, the loan did not appear on the original report. The existence of the loan was reported in the media in late July 2010, prior to the August 24, 2010 primary election.

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6. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) send a representative to a FEC Seminar within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this agreement and (b) retain a consultant familiar with FEC procedures for a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of this agreement.
 7. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
 8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
 9. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms of this agreement as set out in paragraph 6 above.
 10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 559 (RAD 11L-02) and resolves those issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lynn M. Fraser, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

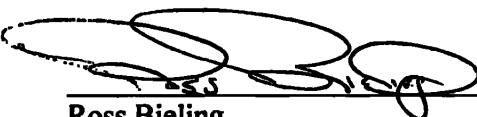


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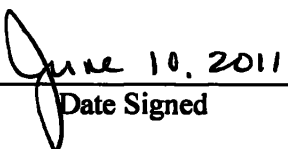


Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:



Ross Bieling
Representing Friends of Ross Bieling and
Ross Bieling, Treasurer



Date Signed