



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 27, 2011

VIA U.S. POST AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Carolyn Hietamaki
National Nurses United for Patient Protection
888 16th St, NW, Suite 640
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Re: ADR 569 (RAD 11L-09)
National Nurses United for Patient Protection

Dear Ms. Hietamaki:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred a compliance issue to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The referral by the Reports Analysis Division/Audit Division (RAD) was based on a review of reports which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

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 National Nurses United for Patient Protection and Carolyn Hietamaki, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate 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 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 ADR Program, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR processing; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral interest based negotiations; 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:

RAD referred Respondents for failure to provide supporting schedules. Respondents failed to timely file five 24-Hour Notices to support five independent expenditures totaling \$34,409.49. All the independent expenditures in question occurred on October 31, 2010, and were disclosed on the 2010 30 Day Post-General Report. In a Form 99 dated March 16, 2011, Respondents contend that their omissions resulted from the fact

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that they misunderstood the October 31, 2010, deadline for filing 24-Hour Notices. Respondents indicate they believed that notices needed to be filed until October 31st for expenditures made through October 30th and did not understand that notices needed to be filed on November 1st for expenditures made October 31st.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions, which describe the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like to participate in 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 #69. 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,



Krista J. Roche
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions
Commitment to Submit to ADR and Designation of Representative/Counsel

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