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Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

**MEMORANDUM**

April 16, 2013

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 631 Families and Friends for Vance and Vance Patterson, Treasurer, and Patterson Fan Company, Recommendation to Dismiss

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) referred MUR 6608, and the ADR Office designated the matter as ADR 631. The ADR Office recommends the Commission exercise prosecutorial discretion and dismiss the matter. *Heckler v. Chaney* 470 U.S. 821 (1985). We include a summary and discussion of the matter for your information.

**Summary and Analysis of Case:** On July 19, 2012, the Federal Election Commission (FEC or the Commission) received a complaint from Jim Blythe (Complainant) whereby it was alleged that Families and Friends for Vance and Vance Patterson, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) violated 2 USC § 441(d)(a), 11 CFR § 110.11(a) by failing to include a disclaimer on yard signs distributed in the district. In addition, the Complainant provides a picture of a "Patterson" sign used on a display booth that is the logo of the Patterson Fan Company and does not contain a disclaimer.

The Respondent admits that the yard signs did not contain the appropriate disclaimer. Mr. Vance contends he was unaware of the requirement and apologizes for the error. Mr. Vance attempted to terminate the Committee after his primary election loss, and states he is now focused on

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maintaining ownership of his residence, which was mortgaged to finance his largely self-funded campaign.

Patterson Fan Company acknowledges that it leased a portable display booth to the Committee, and failed to remove the logo banner from the booth. Patterson Fan Company indicates that should the booth ever be leased in the future, all signage will be removed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. Dismiss ADR 631 (MUR 6608), and close the file.**
- 2. Approve the appropriate letters.**

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