



Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

VIA Express Mail

April 29, 2013

Jim Blythe  
P.O. Box 1475  
Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Re: ADR 631 (MUR6608)

Dear Mr. Blythe:

On July 24, 2012, the Federal Election Commission (FEC/Commission) received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and take no action against the Respondents, Families and Friends for Vance and Vance Patterson, Treasurer. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated April 16, 2013, this office stated:

**Summary:**

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 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.

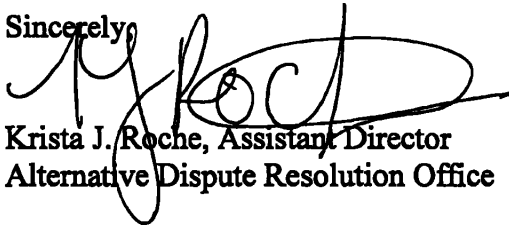
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Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on April 25, 2013.

The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). In addition, the Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between Respondents and the Commission, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,



Krista J. Roche, Assistant Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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