



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

February 5, 2014

Dan Backer, Treasurer
The Tea Party Leadership Fund
717 King Street, Suite 300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: ADR 696 (RAD 13L-58)
The Tea Party Leadership Fund and Dan Backer, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Backer:

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 (RAD) was based on a review of reports filed by The Tea Party Leadership Fund 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 The Tea Party Leadership Fund and Dan Backer, 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 concludes 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:

SUMMARY: RAD referred The Tea Party Leadership Fund and Dan Backer, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial transactions on their 2012 12 Day Pre-General Report. Respondents filed the original 2012 12 Day Pre-

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General Report on October 24, 2012. The Committee filed Amended 2012 12 Day Pre-General Reports on November 13, 2012 and December 6, 2012 resulting in a disclosure of additional receipts totaling \$124,571.52.

In a Miscellaneous Paper Submission (Form 99) filed on March 14, 2013, the Committee contended that the significant omissions in the originally reported contributions were discovered during its regular monthly review conducted after the filing of the 2012 12 Day Pre-General Report.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions, which describe the ADR program, Respondents 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 696**. 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,

Lynn M. Fraser, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
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Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel

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