



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

February 9, 2015

BETTY JOHNSON, TREASURER
MAINE DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE
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AUGUSTA, ME 04330-5258

Re: ADR 748 (RR 14L-26)
Maine Democratic State Committee and Betty Johnson, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Johnson:

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 Maine Democratic State Committee 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 Maine Democratic State Committee and Betty Johnson, 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: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred the Maine Democratic State Committee and Betty Johnson, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2010 30 Day Post-General, 2011 February Monthly, 2011 March Monthly, 2011 April Monthly, 2011 May Monthly, 2011 June

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Monthly, 2011 July Monthly and 2011 August Monthly Reports. The Committee filed amended reports that disclosed additional receipts totaling \$29,281.89 and additional disbursements totaling \$80,916.36, which were not included in the original reports.

The Committee filed a Miscellaneous Electronic Submission (Form 99), which stated "The Committee has hired an outside FEC Reporting and Accounting Consultant to review internal controls, implement compliance procedures, and for the preparation and filing of FEC Reports. During an internal audit of the Committee accounts and filed reports it was discovered that the Committee inadvertently failed to disclose all financial activity on these reports."

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 Participate in 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 748**. 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
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Enclosures: ADR Frequently Asked Questions
Commitment to Participate in ADR
Designation of Representative/Counsel