



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 12, 2015

Abby Majlak, Senior Manager of PAC Operations
US Chamber of Commerce
1615 H Street NW
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Re: ADR 770 (RAD 15L-23)
US Chamber of Commerce

Dear Ms. Majlak:

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 US Chamber of Commerce 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 US Chamber of Commerce (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 US Chamber of Commerce (the Committee) for failing to file a 48-Hour Report to support an independent expenditure. The independent expenditure totaling \$50,000 was disclosed on the Committee's 2014 October Quarterly Report.

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The Committee contends that at about the same time as this expenditure was made, the employee who was responsible for initiating the payment and reporting of independent expenditures was in the process of winding down his employment with the Committee. For reasons unknown, the employee made the expenditure but failed to initiate a corresponding 48-Hour 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 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 770**. 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