



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

August 31, 2015

Renae Lentz, Treasurer  
Ohio Republican Party  
211 South Fifth Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: ADR 778 (RAD 15L-31)  
Ohio Republican Party and Renae Lentz, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Lentz:

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 Ohio Republican Party 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 Ohio Republican Party and Renae Lentz, 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 Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee and Renae Lentz, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a failure to disclose all financial transactions on its 2014 October Monthly Report. Respondents filed the original 2014 October Monthly Report on October 20, 2014. The Committee filed

Amended 2014 October Monthly Reports on March 18 and March 25, 2015, with the latter report disclosing additional receipts of \$70,623.53.

The Committee filed two Miscellaneous Electronic Submissions ("FEC Form 99") on June 1, 2015 and July 15, 2015 referencing the Request for Additional Information about the additional Receipts. The Committee contends in the latter, in part, that it found and corrected an error in the formula used to automatically total receipts. Respondents assert that a review was done and corrections made to all reports as needed, and that the error in the software was inadvertent.

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 778**. 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  
202-694-1665

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