



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

November 15, 2016

Joe Wood
Scott Rigell for Congress
915 First Colonial Road, Suite 100
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Re: ADR 813 (RAD 16L-19)
Scott Rigell for Congress and Joe Wood, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Wood:

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 Scott Rigell for Congress 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 Scott Rigell for Congress and Joe Wood, 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 would conclude 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:

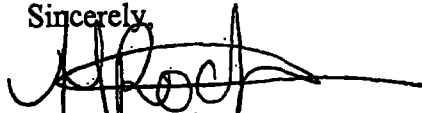
Summary of Case: RAD referred Scott Rigell for Congress and Joe Wood, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) for failure to refund or redesignate 2016 General Election contributions totaling \$74,075.00 within the permissible timeframe following the candidate's announcement not to participate in the 2016 Primary Election.

On August 30, 2016, Respondents filed an FEC Form 99 stating, in part, that "we made it a priority to return these funds and re-designate as required as soon as we were made aware of this issue." All but \$100 of the contributions at issue have been refunded or redesignated, albeit untimely.

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 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 813**. 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,



Krista J. Roche
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office