



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 25, 2017

Mel Barnes
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin Political Fund
10 E. Doty Street, Suite 205
Madison, WI 53703

Re: ADR 845 (RAD 17L-40)
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin Political Fund

Dear Mel Barnes:

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 Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin Political 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 Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin Political Fund and Mel Barnes, 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:

RAD referred Respondent for failing to file 48-Hour Reports totaling \$116,898.08 to support two independent expenditures disclosed on the 2016 October Quarterly Report.

In a Miscellaneous Electronic Submission (Form 99) filed on August 31, 2017, the Respondent indicates that the "error was due to a misunderstanding of requirements by filing staff." Respondent further indicates that in response to this error, staff have

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received training on filing independent expenditure reports and procedures have been memorialized.

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 from the date 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 845**. 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

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Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

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