



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 1, 2019

Benjamin Ottenhoff, Treasurer
Scalise for Congress
PO Box 9891
Arlington, VA 22219

Response Due Date
August 22, 2019

Re: ADR 921 (RAD 19L-19)
Scalise for Congress and Benjamin Ottenhoff, Treasurer

Dear Benjamin Ottenhoff:

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 was based on a review of reports filed by Scalise 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 Scalise for Congress and Benjamin Ottenhoff, 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 Scalise for Congress and Benjamin Ottenhoff, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for the receipt of excessive and prohibited contributions totaling

\$30,740.00 designated for the 2018 General Election. The Committee refunded all of these contributions outside of the permissible timeframe.

The Committee filed three (3) Form 99s (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) on January 27, 2019 listing the corrective action taken for each of the excessive and prohibited contributions. Additionally, the Committee filed a Form 99 on May 3, 2019, stating that the failure to timely refund the contributions was due to the large number of contributions received. The Committee states that they have “implemented additional internal processes to address the increased volume to ensure compliance moving forward.”

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 921**. 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
Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office