



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 10, 2020

Montana League of Rural Voters
PO Box 522
Billings, MT 59103

**Response Due Date
December 1, 2020**

Re: ADR 980 (RAD 20L-06)
Montana League of Rural Voters (C90009341)

Dear Respondent:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred a compliance issue to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) based the referral on a review of reports filed by Montana League of Rural Voters, 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 Montana League of Rural Voters (Respondent). 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:

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) is referring Montana League of Rural Voters (Respondent) for failing to timely file three (3) 24-Hour Reports totaling \$31,713.76 to support nine (9) independent expenditures disclosed in the 2017 July Quarterly Report.

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Respondent filed Form 99s (Miscellaneous Electronic Submissions) on April 26, 2018 and August 22, 2018, stating, in part, that the errors were caused by filing reports with incorrect dissemination dates and erroneous filing due date information.

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 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 is designated as **ADR 980**. 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,



Rosa Marshall

Assistant Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office