



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John Hoffman
Acting Executive Director
Illinois Republican Party
P.O. Box 78
Springfield, IL 62705

RE: MUR 5127

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

This is in reference to the complaint filed by the Illinois Republican Party with the Federal Election Commission on October 25, 2000, concerning the Democratic Party of Illinois and its executive director, Timothy Mapes. Based on that complaint, on July 16, 2002, the Commission found that there was reason to believe that the Democratic Party of Illinois and Michael J. Kasper, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(b); and Timothy Mapes, as executive director, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, on January 27, 2004, the Commission determined to take no further action against the Democratic Party of Illinois and its officers. At the same time, the Commission determined to take no action against the State of Illinois and closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1572.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brant Levine".

Brant Levine
Attorney

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report



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