



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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RE: MUR 5391
Democratic Party of Virginia—Federal
Campaign Committee and Abbi G.
Easter, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Reiff:

On October 27, 2003, you were notified by letter that the Federal Election Commission determined to enter into negotiations with your client, the Democratic Party of Virginia—Federal Campaign Committee and Abbi G. Easter, as treasurer ("the Committee"), directed toward reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. On that same date you were sent a conciliation agreement offered by the Commission in settlement of this matter.

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The Commission's October 27, 2003 also requested additional information, and advised that in the absence of the additional information, the Commission might find probable cause to believe and proceed to conciliation. To date, your clients have submitted only partial responses to the Commission's requests. *See* Committee's Response dated December 24, 2003. You have represented on several occasions that additional information that would wholly satisfy the Commission's information requests would be forthcoming shortly, and this Office has accordingly awaited its arrival. At this point, however, the period for conciliation negotiations entered prior to a finding of probable cause to believe has expired. Therefore, unless we receive a counterproposal that this Office is willing to recommend to the Commission and a complete response to the Commission's requests from you within five

days, this Office will consider these negotiations terminated and will proceed to the next stage of the enforcement process.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1598.

Sincerely,


Ruth Heilizer
Attorney