



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Neil Reiff, Esq.
Sandler, Reiff & Young
50 E Street, SE, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20003

RE: MUR 5921
Iowa Democratic Party and Ken Sagar,
in his official capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr Reiff:

On August 3, 2007, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your clients' behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed 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) Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B).

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ana J. Peña-Wallace".

Ana J. Peña-Wallace
Attorney

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Iowa Democratic Party and)
Ken Sagar, in his official capacity as treasurer)

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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

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This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that the Iowa Democratic Party and Ken Sagar, in his official capacity as treasurer ("Respondents"), violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. The Iowa Democratic Party is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4) and is the state committee of the Democratic Party in Iowa as defined at 2 U.S.C. § 431(15) and 11 C.F.R. § 100.14(a).

2. Ken Sagar is the treasurer of the Iowa Democratic Party.

3. The treasurer of a political committee must file reports of all receipts and disbursements in accordance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(1). A committee filing on a monthly schedule shall file monthly reports by the 20th day of the following month, except that in any year in which a regularly scheduled general election is held, a year end report shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(B); 11 C.F.R. § 104.5(c)(3)(i)-(ii). Such reports shall disclose the total amount of all disbursements for that reporting period and calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4).

4. On January 30, 2004, the Respondents filed an original 2003 Year-End Report disclosing no disbursements. On March 22, 2004, Respondents filed an amendment to that report disclosing additional disbursements of \$706,530.72.

5. Respondents contend that the failure to disclose disbursements on its initial report was unintentional and was caused by technical problems in importing data into the committee's reporting software.

V. The Iowa Democratic Party and Ken Sagar, in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by failing to disclose \$706,530.72 in disbursements in its original 2003 Year-End Report.

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. Respondents will cease and desist from violating 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

VIII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof

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has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

IX. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

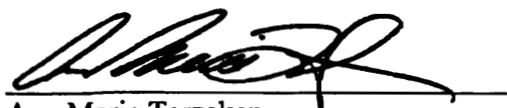
X. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirement contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

XI. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Thomasenia P. Duncan
General Counsel

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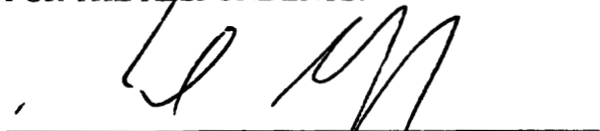


Ann Marie Terzaken
Acting Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

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FOR THE RESPONDENTS:



(Name) Neil Reiff
(Position) Counsel

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