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Comment to
ADR 2001-13

In Regards to AO 2001-13
Attention: Michael Martinelli

Dear FEC Commissioners:

The undersigned members of the Interim Coordinating Committee of the Green Alliance hereby declare our organization's support for the Request for an Advisory Opinion on the National Committee status of the Green Party of the United States. We believe that the Green Party of the United States (formerly the Association of State Green Parties) now has the overwhelming support of Green Party activists, members, registrants, and petitioners.

Because of political disagreements, this could not be said to have been the case in the past four years. But a joint effort was made to resolve disagreements, and ultimately a negotiated settlement, known as the Boston Proposal, was proposed to the Association of State Green Parties (ASGP) and the Greens/Green Party USA (G/GPUSA).

The ASGP accepted the terms of the Boston Proposal in December 2001, and the G/GPUSA brought the issue before the Green National Congress of G/GPUSA on July 23-24. Prior votes by locals and state organizations of G/GPUSA had shown overwhelming support for the Boston Proposal, and at the Congress itself 75% of the delegates were in support.

However, the G/GPUSA uses a weighted voting system in which individual delegates may carry more than one vote as determined by the Credentials Committee. Various delegates objected to the credentialing decisions. In the end the proposal received 55% support, falling short of the two-thirds required for passage.

The majority of the members of the G/GPUSA, reaffirming their support for the Boston Proposal and their desire to resolve disagreements within the new structure of the Green Party of the United States, have formed a new organization known as the Green Alliance. We believe we speak for the majority of the individual members and states affiliated with the G/GPUSA at the time of the Congress.

The Green Alliance hereby expresses its support for the FEC application of the the Green Party of the United States, and our opposition to the complaint filed by the Coordinating Committee of the G/GPUSA.

Sincerely,

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