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January 30, 2024

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*  
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement  
ADR 1132 - Republican Party of Iowa and David Barker,  
Treasurer (C00014498)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify the Committee amended relevant 2021-2022 reports after consultation with the FEC's Reports Analysis Division (RAD); certify that a representative of the Committee participated in an FEC training program; certify annually, for two years, that the Committee continued to retain the services of a compliance firm; and pay a civil penalty of \$5,800.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1132 (RAD 23L-44). The ADR Office received this referral on September 12, 2023.

**SUMMARY:** RAD referred Republican Party of Iowa and David Barker, Treasurer, (the Committee or Respondents) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2021-2022 election cycle. The Committee's errors included, among other items: mathematical discrepancies, failure to provide supporting schedules, failure to properly itemize contributions from individuals, federal election activity/levin funds, and allocated federal and non-federal activity.

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During negotiations, Respondents acknowledged that there were reporting challenges during the 2021-2022 election cycle that were caused, in part, by understaffing. The Committee states it has since transferred its compliance operations to an external compliance firm.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Republican Party of Iowa and David Barker, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.