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MEMORANDUM

May 18, 2009

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Robert A. Hickey
Staff Director

FROM: John D. Gibson
Chief Compliance Officer

Lynn M. Fraser
Acting Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 477 Democratic Party of Virginia and Abbi Easter, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Hire an experienced compliance specialist; hire an assistant compliance specialist to provide administrative support to the compliance specialist; send a representative to an FEC conference; and pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 477 (RAD 08L-40). This case was received by the ADR Office on December 11, 2008, and was activated by the ADR Office on December 22, 2008.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred the Democratic Party of Virginia and Abbi Easter, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2005-2006 election cycle. A political committee may be referred if, after an internal review of reports filed by the committee, the Commission determines the reports do not meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the FECA. The Committee's errors included, among other things: mathematical discrepancies, errors involving possible excessive, prohibited and other impermissible contributions or transfers, coordinated expenditure reporting problems and a failure to clarify public communication expenses. Respondents contend they recognized there were reporting challenges, and they made a concerted effort to correct the record and put processes in place to ensure compliance.

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