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MEMORANDUM

February 19, 2019

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
Chief Compliance Officer

Krista J. Roche *KJR*
Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 897 Marsha for Senate (f/k/a Marsha Blackburn for Congress Inc) and Ron Gant, Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Audit Division referred AR 17-02 involving Marsha for Senate (f/k/a Marsha Blackburn for Congress Inc) and Ron Gant, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for processing on February 11, 2019, and the ADR Office designated the referral ADR 897. We include a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We expect initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 897 within five (5) business days. Please contact Krista Roche if you have any questions or concerns before then.

Summary of Case: Audit referred Respondents for one finding detailed in the Final Audit Report approved by the Commission on February 1, 2019. The finding states that the Committee received excessive contributions totaling \$100,350.

In response to the Interim Audit Report, Respondents indicated that they take "compliance and reporting obligations very seriously" and stated that they believe they had obtained timely redesignation or reattribution authorizations. The Respondents provided the Audit staff with copies of letters and refund checks resolving the excessive contributions, albeit untimely.