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SENSITIVE**MEMORANDUM**

November 1, 2021

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
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Director, ADR Office

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement
ADR 1039 - GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS and
Christel Slaughter, Treasurer (C00558486)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that a representative of the Committee participated
in an FEC training; and pay a civil penalty of \$2,700.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1039 (RAD 21L-46). The ADR Office received this referral on July 26, 2021.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS and Christel Slaughter, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely refund or redesignate contributions in excess of the limit totaling \$19,000 and receiving prohibited contributions totaling \$16,800 during the 2020 election cycle. All contributions have been either redesignated, reattributed, or refunded outside of the permissible timeframe¹.

The Committee filed Form 99s (Miscellaneous Electronic Submissions) on February 24, 2020; November 5, 2020; January 19, 2021; and February 17, 2021 listing the corrective action taken to address the excessive and prohibited

¹ During negotiations the Committee identified all potentially unremedied issues as unitemized refunds disclosed in prior reports and filed subsequent amendments to clarify the transactions.

contributions totaling \$35,000 that were received during the 2020 election cycle. During negotiations, the Committee stated that the remaining \$800 in contribution refunds were disclosed on the 2020 Year-End Report and the 2020 April Quarterly Report. In addition, the Committee noted that it has safeguards in place to ensure that contributions are made by eligible contributors with federally permissible funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS and Christel Slaughter, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.