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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463**SENSITIVE****MEMORANDUM**

February 8, 2024

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement  
ADR 1145 - Vicky Hartzler for Senate and Bob Huston,  
Treasurer (C00464602)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Respondents will certify the closure of the Committee's  
federal account and file a termination report and pay a civil  
penalty of \$2,350.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1145 (RAD 23L-58). The ADR Office received this referral from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) on September 26, 2023.

**SUMMARY:** RAD referred Vicky Hartzler for Senate and Bob Huston, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to remedy excessive and prohibited 2022 Primary Election contributions, totaling \$23,824, within the permissible timeframe. RAD additionally referred Respondents for receiving \$7,757 in 2022 General Election contributions that were not refunded within the permissible timeframe. All contributions were remedied outside of the permissible timeframe.

During negotiations, the Committee stated the issue arose from an understaffed compliance team that lacked experience in campaigns for the U.S. Senate. As a result, the Committee was unable to timely remedy or refund these contributions.

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The Committee additionally stated that it intends to terminate its political committee status upon resolution of this matter.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Vicky Hartzler for Senate and Bob Huston, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.