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## **SENSITIVE**

#### **MEMORANDUM**

July 5, 2024

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer DCB for AP

Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock PCO

Chief Compliance Officer

Krista J. Roche

Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement

ADR 1160 – A Better NC (C90021676)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that a representative participated in an FEC training;

and pay a civil penalty of \$10,000.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1160 (RAD 24L-05). The ADR Office received this referral from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) on February 20, 2024.

**SUMMARY:** RAD referred A Better NC (Respondent) for failing to timely file one (1) 48-Hour Report to support one (1) independent expenditure totaling \$200,000. The independent expediture was disseminated on August 24, 2022, and disclosed on the 2022 October Quarterly Report. Respondent filed one (1) 48-Hour Report on January 25, 2024, to support this independent expenditure, albeit untimely.

During negotiations Respondent acknowledged its failure to timely disclose the independent expenditure. Respondent stated that it had primarily engaged in state-only activity, and its representatives were unaware of federal independent expenditure reporting requirements.



#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of A Better NC.
- 2. Approve the appropriate letters.
- 3. Close the file on this matter.