



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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**MEMORANDUM**

January 2, 2025

TO: The Commission

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Staff Director

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement  
ADR 1179 - Rhode Island Republican State Central  
Committee and Lance Chappell, Treasurer (C00078196)

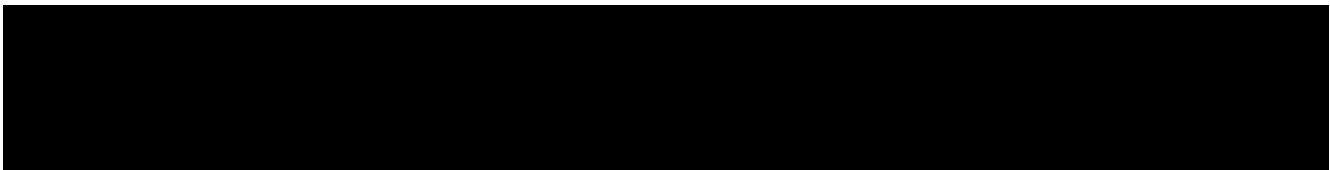
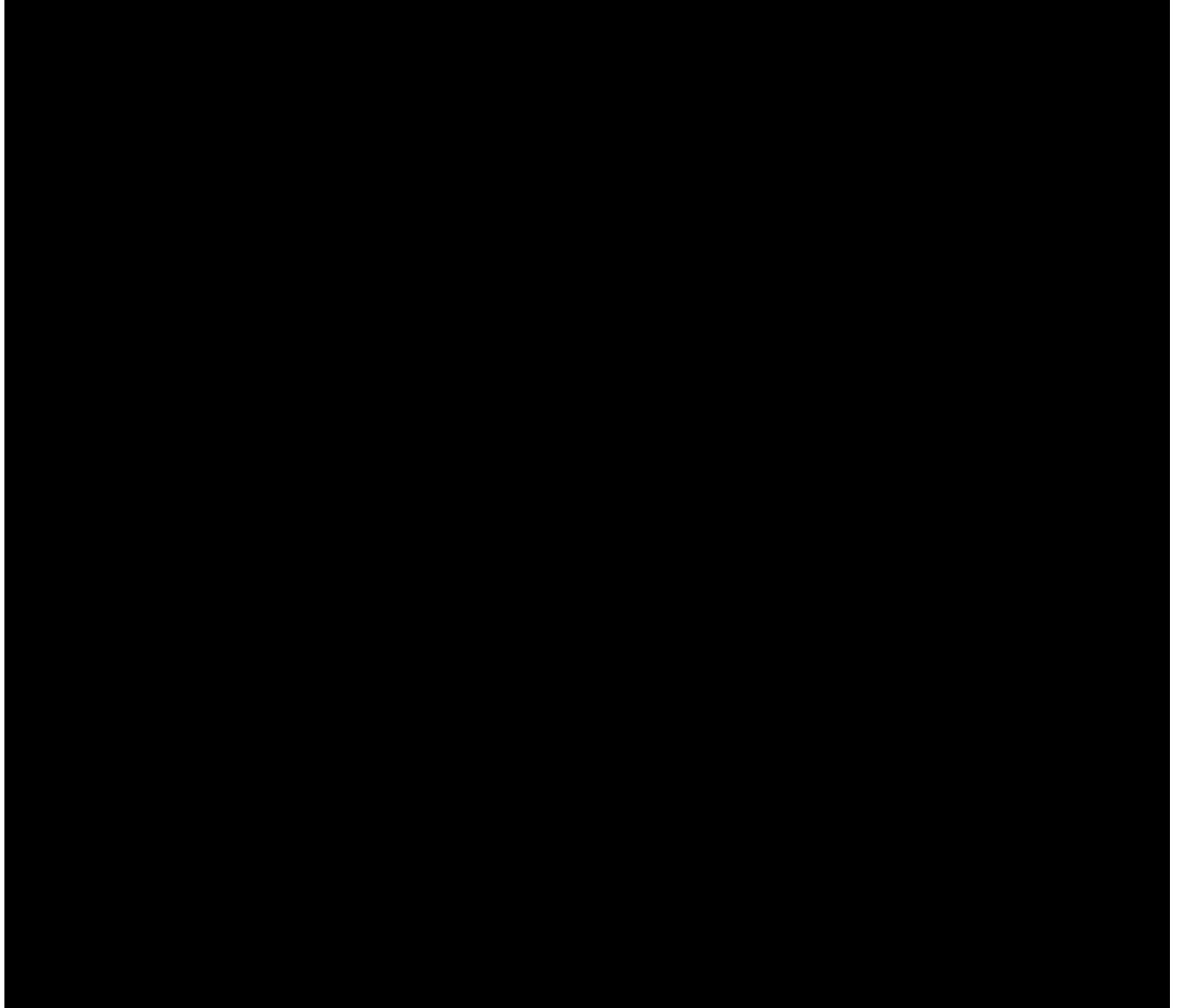
RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that the Committee performed reconciliation of the  
Committee's accounts for each required FEC report for one  
year; develop and certify the implementation and  
distribution of a policy document to be provided to its  
compliance vendors and staff detailing FEC reporting  
procedures; and certify that a representative of the  
Committee participated in an FEC training.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1179 (P-MUR 670). The ADR Office received this referral from the Office of General Counsel on August 16, 2024.

**SUMMARY:** On September 11, 2023, the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Lance Chappell, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) filed a *sua sponte* submission stating the Committee performed an internal review for its fiscal year between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, which identified a series of bookkeeping errors. The Committee stated it disclosed incorrect cash on hand amounts on its 2023 April Quarterly Report and 2023 July Quarterly Report. The

Committee further stated it inadvertently reported a \$1,000 disbursement to a vendor as \$10,000 on its 2022 Pre-General Report. In addition, the Committee stated it also mistakenly failed to report approximately \$192,276 in expenditures and \$38,336 in donations/transfers between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.

In its *sua sponte* submission, the Committee stated it failed to correctly report its activity between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, because of an unintentional oversight and a series of bookkeeping errors. The Committee stated it has since amended its reports, has a new executive director, and has a financial professional with FEC reporting experience to assist in correctly filing its future reports.



**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Lance Chappell, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.