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**MEMORANDUM**

January 10, 2006

**TO:** The Commission

**THROUGH:** Robert J. Costa *RC*  
Acting Staff Director

**FROM:** Allan D. Silberman *ADS*  
Director, ADR Office

**SUBJ:** **ADR 243** – Patlak for Congress and James S. Carven, Treasurer  
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

**SENSITIVE**

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR settlement agreement pertaining to **ADR 243/MUR 5516**, Patlak for Congress and James S. Carven, Treasurer. This case was assigned to the ADR office on June 6, 2005.

**Summary:** The Complainant, Eric Buermann, alleges that Patlak for Congress and James S. Carven, Treasurer (“the Respondents” or “Committee”) failed to file the July 2004 Quarterly Report after expending in excess of \$5,000. Complainant contends that Respondents noted on their website a number of expenditures, including a filing fee of \$9,282, cost of setting up and maintaining a website, travel in the congressional district, the costs of two fundraisers, production of yard signs and t-shirts, and the cost of preparing and mailing campaign literature, indicating that Respondents had surpassed the threshold that required the Committee to file the quarterly report with the FEC. The complaint also makes note of press reports of the fundraisers and argues that in-kind contributions of food at the events was not reported nor receipt of any contributions that may have been raised at the fundraisers.

**Recommendations:**

- 1) Approve the attached Settlement Agreement for Patlak for Congress and James S. Carven, Treasurer.
- 2) Approve the appropriate letters.
- 3) Close the file on this matter.

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