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MEMORANDUM

September 25, 2006

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Patrina M. Clark *PMC*
Staff Director

FROM: Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director *LMF*
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

SUBJECT: ADR 315 Minamyer for Congress and Ralph Lee Minamyer, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to **ADR 315 (RR 06L-02)**. This case was opened on February 21, 2006, and was assigned to the ADR Office on April 6, 2006.

SUMMARY: RAD referred Minamyer for Congress and Ralph Lee Minamyer, Treasurer, (the "Respondents" or "Committee") for receiving excessive contributions totaling \$47,600.00 for the 2005 Special Primary Election. Respondents received the subject contributions in the form of three loans, totaling \$56,000.00, from four individuals. The subject contributions were neither refunded, redesignated, nor reattributed within sixty days from the date of receipt, or within sixty days from the date of the initial notice sent to the Committee by RAD.

The Candidate advised RAD that he was unaware that loans from family members were considered contributions. After making several attempts to obtain a loan to refund the subject excessive contributions, the Candidate advised RAD that he was successful, and the refunds made.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Minamyer for Congress and Ralph Lee Minamyer, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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