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MEMORANDUM

November 27, 2006

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Patrina M. Clark *pmc*
Staff Director

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

SUBJECT: ADR 331 Massachusetts Republican State Congressional Committee and
Brent Anderson, Treasurer, Recommendation to Approve Settlement
Agreement

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to **ADR 331 (RR 06L-19)**. This case was opened on May 26, 2006, and was assigned to the ADR Office on June 26, 2006.

SUMMARY: RAD referred the Massachusetts Republican State Congressional Committee and Brent Anderson, Treasurer ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2003 June Monthly Report. Specifically, the Committee filed an amended 2003 June Monthly Report that disclosed additional disbursements totaling \$56,286.90. Respondents stated that, due to a change of accountants during the month, some disbursements had been overlooked, and never recorded into their database. In addition, Respondents stated that a few electronic transfers were overlooked.

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dispute steps Respondents took such as finding the omissions and disclosing the additional receipts and disbursements in amended reports, reorganizing staff to enhance compliance and being cooperative. Prior to determining the final civil penalty amount, ADRO staff reviewed the facts of, and compliance with, Respondents' previous settlement in ADR 065, effective June 13, 2002. Subsequent to this review and discussions with Respondents, a further discount was taken based on the terms agreed to in the current negotiated settlement to reach the civil penalty of \$1,800.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Massachusetts Republican State Congressional Committee and Brent Anderson, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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