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**MEMORANDUM**

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August 13, 2008

**TO:** The Commission

**FROM:** John D. Gibson  
Chief Compliance Officer

Lynn M. Fraser  
Acting Director, ADR Office

**SUBJECT:** ADR 428 Joe Lavigne for Congress and William Pitard Wynne, Treasurer,  
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

**RESOLUTION TERMS:** The Committee will work with RAD to terminate.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 428 (RAD 08L-48). This case was received by the ADR Office on October 30, 2007, and was activated by the ADR Office on November 14, 2007.

**SUMMARY:** Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity. The Reports Analysis Division referred the Respondents (or "the Committee") for cumulative errors during the 2005-2006 election cycle. The Committee is the principal campaign committee for Joe Lavigne, an unsuccessful candidate for the 2006 General Election. The Committee, in response to inquiries, explained that volunteers filed the reports and were inexperienced in campaign finance reporting.

Under the FECA, committees who are eligible for audit are not in substantial compliance with the law. 2 U.S.C. § 438(b). RAD therefore referred this case to ADR pursuant to the 2007-2008 Review and Referral Procedures, which provides for such referrals when committees are audit eligible but will not be audited due to resources. For these reasons, we recommend settlement based on the terms set forth in the attached agreement.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Joe Lavigne for Congress and William Pitard Wynne, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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