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MEMORANDUM

August 25, 2008

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Joseph E. Stoltz *JES*
Acting Staff Director

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

Lynn M. Fraser *LMF*
Acting Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 453 Pennsylvania Democratic Party and Ann Bursis, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Send a representative to a FEC conference; retain the services of a compliance specialist; develop written procedures on tracking and responding to inquiries (RFAs) from the Commission; and pay a civil penalty of \$2,000.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 453 (RAD 08L-15). This case was received by the ADR Office on February 27, 2008, and was activated by the ADR Office on March 7, 2008.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division referred the Pennsylvania Democratic Party and Ann Bursis, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for cumulative errors during the 2005-2006 election cycle. Some of the errors involved mathematical discrepancies, missing schedules, and failures to itemize contributions and transfers from political committees. The Committee, in response, contends that some difficulties occurred due to inadequate staffing and training, but that the Committee began systematically addressing deficiencies prior to this agreement, and will continue to do so.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party and Ann Bursis, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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