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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 477 Democratic Party of Virginia and Abbi Easter, Treasurer.
Informational Memo on Assignment

The Reports Analysis Division referred RAD 08L-40 for processing, and the ADR Office designated the referral ADR 477. We have included a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 477 on December 22, 2008. Please contact Lynn Fraser if you have any questions or concerns before then. A copy of the referral is in the voting ballots folder.

Summary of Case: The Reports Analysis Division referred Democratic Party of Virginia and Abbi Easter, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2005-2006 election cycle. A political committee may be referred if, after an internal review of reports filed by the committee, the Commission determines the reports do not meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the FECA. The Committee's errors included, among other things: excessive, prohibited and other impermissible contributions or transfers, mathematical discrepancies, failure to provide supporting schedules, failure to properly itemize contributions from individuals, Federal Election Activity/Levin funds, allocated federal and non-federal activity, coordinated expenditure reporting problems and failure to clarify public communication expenses and possible candidate fundraising expenses.

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