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**MEMORANDUM**

March 19, 2009

TO: The Commission  
THROUGH: Robert A. Hickey  
Staff Director  
FROM: John D. Gibson  
Chief Compliance Officer  
Lynn M. Fraser  
Acting Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 479 Indiana Democratic Congressional Victory Committee and Linda Buzinec, Treasurer, Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Implement revised Committee Accounting Policies and Procedures which include internal controls; and send a representative to a FEC conference.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 479 (RR 07L-12/MUR 5933). This case was referred to the ADR Office following a vote of the Commission on December 3, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Respondents for the alleged unauthorized disbursement of Committee funds totaling approximately \$70,000 during the 2006 election cycle.

Respondents contend that they contacted RAD when they discovered a former bookkeeper ordered a credit card on behalf of the Committee without authorization, and used it for personal expenditures. Specifically, the former employee paid personal expenses charged to the card from the Committee's account, in addition to debiting funds from the account.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of the Indiana Democratic Congressional Victory Committee and Linda Buzinec, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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