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MEMORANDUM

June 15, 2009

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Robert A. Hickey
Staff Director *RAH*

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

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

SUBJECT: ADR 488 Mississippi Republican Party and Tom Butchart, Treasurer
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Send the Committee's Treasurer and the individual responsible for recordkeeping and report filing to an FEC conference; retain the services of an experienced compliance specialist to assist with preparing the FEC reports; and pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 488 (RAD 09L-09). This case was referred to the ADR Office on March 24, 2009.

SUMMARY: In this case, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred the Mississippi Republican Party and Tom Butchart, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity. Specifically, the Committee failed to timely file three (3) 24-Hour Notices totaling \$29,413.66 to support three (3) independent expenditures made after the twentieth day before, but more than twenty-four hours prior to 12:01 a.m. on the day of, the 2008 Mississippi 1st Congressional District Special General Election. These independent expenditures were originally disclosed on a Schedule E in the Committee's 2008 May Monthly Report.

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Respondents contend their inadvertent oversight was due to inexperienced staff, and that the full amounts and identities of the vendors were disclosed on the Committee's original May 2008 Monthly Report filed on May 20, 2008, followed by the required 24-Hour Notices, albeit untimely, on October 28, 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Mississippi Republican Party and Tom Butchart, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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