



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM

June 15, 2011

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 559 Friends of Ross Bieling and Ross Bieling, Treasurer
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Send a representative to a FEC Seminar and retain a consultant familiar with filing FEC reports.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 559 (RAD 11L-02). The ADR Office received this referral on February 4, 2011.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Friends of Ross Bieling and Ross Bieling, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity. On October 22, 2010, Respondents amended their 2010 July Quarterly Report to disclose additional receipts totaling \$200,000.00, representing a loan from the candidate.

Respondent Bieling contends that he entered the loan in question incorrectly into his e-filing software, and, due to his difficulties with the software, the loan did not appear on the original report. The existence of the loan was reported in the media in late July 2010, prior to the August 24, 2010 primary election.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Friends of Ross Bieling and Ross Bieling, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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