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**MEMORANDUM**

April 21, 2011

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 569 National Nurses United for Patient Protection and Carolyn Hietamaki, Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred RAD 11L-09 for processing on April 19, 2011, and the ADR Office designated the referral ADR 569. We include a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 569 on April 26, 2011. Please contact Krista Roche if you have any questions or concerns before that date.

**Summary of Case:** RAD referred National Nurses United for Patient Protection and Carolyn Hietamaki, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) for failure to provide supporting schedules. Respondents failed to timely file five 24-Hour Notices to support five independent expenditures totaling \$34,409.49. All the independent expenditures in question occurred on October 31, 2010, and were disclosed on the 2010 30 Day Post-General Report. In a Form 99 dated March 16, 2011, Respondents contend that their omissions resulted from the fact that they misunderstood the October 31, 2010, deadline for filing 24-Hour Notices. Respondents indicate they believed that notices needed to be filed until October 31<sup>st</sup> for expenditures made through October 30<sup>th</sup> and did not understand that notices needed to be filed on November 1<sup>st</sup> for expenditures made October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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