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MEMORANDUM

September 21, 2011

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 575 Vern Buchanan for Congress and Joseph R. Gruters, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement

RESOLUTION TERMS: External review of all reports prior to submission for one
year; circulate a memo to all staff regarding calculation of
net debt; send a representative to an FEC seminar.

Attached for your review is a signed ADR Negotiated Settlement pertaining to **ADR 575 (RAD 11L-14)**. The ADR Office received this referral on June 10, 2011.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Vern Buchanan for Congress and Joseph R. Gruters, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for receiving \$27,900 in contributions designated for 2010 Primary Election debt retirement when the Committee had no debts outstanding from the 2010 Primary Election. The Committee did not refund, reattribute, or redesignate the contributions within the permissible timeframe. However, all refunds have subsequently been made.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Vern Buchanan for Congress and Joseph R. Gruters, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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