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MEMORANDUM

September 2, 2011

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia Carmona *PC*
Chief Compliance Officer

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Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 588 Montana Republican State Central Committee and Debra A. Brown, Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred RAD 11L-22 on August 19, 2011, and the ADR Office designated the referral as ADR 588. We included a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 588 on September 8, 2011. Please contact Lynn Fraser if you have any questions, comments or concerns before then.

Summary of Case: RAD referred the Montana Republican State Central Committee and Debra A. Brown, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely file one (1) 24-Hour Notice to support one (1) independent expenditure totaling \$40,000 made after the 20th day before, but more than 24 hours prior to, the 2010 General Election.

Respondents contended in a miscellaneous electronic statement that the information to file the Notice was not given to the Treasurer until after the date the Notice should have been filed. In addition, the Committee stated that the expenditure was for an extension of a TV campaign noted in a Notice filed on October 27, 2010.

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