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**MEMORANDUM**

March 12, 2014

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 706 North Dakota Republican Party and Shane Goettle,  
Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Office of General Counsel referred AR 14-01 on March 12, 2014, and the ADR Office designated the referral as ADR 706. We included a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 706 on March 14, 2014. Please contact Lynn Fraser if you have any questions, comments or concerns before then.

**Summary of Case:** The Audit Division referred the North Dakota Republican Party and Shane Goettle, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a material misstatement of financial activity in 2009 and 2010. The final audit, approved on February 3, 2014, of the Committee's reports filed with the Commission and the Committee's bank records for 2009-2010 revealed a \$657,482 misstatement of financial activity.

Respondents contend that they worked with the Audit Team to file amended reports throughout the process. In response to the draft final audit report, the Committee filed additional amended reports that materially corrected the misstatement for 2009-2010.