



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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**MEMORANDUM**

August 29, 2019

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*  
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*  
Chief Compliance Officer

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SUBJECT: ADR 913 Mississippi Democratic Party (C00149641)  
Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that a representative participates in an FEC training program and pay a civil penalty of \$9,000.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 913 (RR 17L-48). The ADR Office received this referral on May 2, 2019.

**SUMMARY:** The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Mississippi Democratic Party and Ryan Brown, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on its 2016 August Monthly Report, originally filed on August 20, 2016. On September 20, 2016, the Committee filed an Amended 2016 August Monthly Report including \$200,000 in additional receipts and \$200,000 in additional disbursements.

Respondents state that the failure to report these transactions was caused by an inadvertent oversight which was discovered during a comprehensive review of the Committee's activity during the preparation of the subsequent FEC report. Respondents further state that since the incident, their procedures have been updated to include more communication when funds are received.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached negotiated settlement of Mississippi Democratic Party and Ryan Brown, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.