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DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
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Response Due Date
03/01/2012

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00005561

REFERENCE: AMENDED JULY MONTHLY REPORT (06/01/2011 - 06/30/2011),
RECEIVED 10/18/2011

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 6 item(s):

1. Your Amended July Monthly Report (6/1/11-6/30/11), received 10/18/11 discloses a substantial increase in the amount of certain categories of disbursements from those disclosed on your original report. Please amend your report(s) or provide an explanation for this apparent discrepancy. (11 CFR § 104.3)
2. Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) which is categorized as direct candidate support; however, a Schedule H2 has not been filed to disclose the allocation ratio. All committees are required to allocate the payment for direct candidate support in which the committee collects both federal and non federal funds. The costs are allocated according to the time and space method or funds received ratio and reported on Schedule H2. (11 CFR §§104.10(a) and 104.17(a)) Please file a Schedule H2 to disclose the ratio for the direct candidate support activity.
3. On Schedule H2 of your report you disclose the ratio for "Jefferson Jackson Dinner" to be 20% Federal and 80% Non-Federal. However, your Schedule H4 calculations reflect the ratio to be 11% Federal and 89% Non-Federal. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

Please note that if your non federal account has overpaid your federal account

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because of this miscalculation, it will be necessary to immediately transfer these funds back to the non federal account. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17)

4. Schedule H4 of your report discloses disbursements for the Administrative category which use a ratio that is inconsistent with the ratio disclosed on Schedule H1. The fixed ratio for the allocation of administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity expenses by State, district and local party committees should be the same for the full two-year election cycle, unless a Special election is scheduled during an odd numbered year. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

Please note that if your non-federal account has overpaid your federal account because of this miscalculation, it will be necessary to immediately transfer these funds back to the non-federal account. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §§106.7(d))

5. On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have checked the Direct Candidate Support category for the payment(s) to Christopher Lazo and have disclosed the federal share(s) of this payment as \$108.63. Be advised that any federal share in kind payments, independent expenditures or coordinated expenditures for Direct Candidate Support must also be itemized on Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, of the Detailed Summary Page, respectively, and not included in the total for this page. Please amend your report to correct this apparent discrepancy. (11 CFR §106(a)(1))

6. Schedule H4 of your report discloses a reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500. When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement have to be itemized as memo entries regardless of the amount. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. (11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinion 1996-20, footnote 3)

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Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Miller
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
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