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Federal Election Commission  
 Attn: Christopher Morse  
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**RE: Now or Never PAC (the "Committee")**

Dear Mr. Morse:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 23, 2013 which identified an issue with our 30 Day Post General Report for the period from October 18, 2012 through November 26, 2012. Your letter indicated that the cumulative amount spent by the Committee on the Illinois 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District was incorrectly reported as \$1,495,794 rather than \$2,789,614. You asked us to amend our report to address this discrepancy.

We have had this cumulative expenditure issue before with this Committee and with other committees that file with the FEC. This appears to be a software problem. As mentioned when this has arisen before, I have sat down with my assistant (She actually does the initial data entry.) and tried to determine what is causing this. She informs me that when she prepares the 24 Hour/48 Hour Independent Expenditure Report, your software is automatically picking up the cumulative amount expended and she does not actually have the ability to manipulate the cumulative amount. Our 24 Hour/48 Hour Independent Expenditure Reports appear to be correctly picking up the cumulative amounts. When my assistant drafts a regular report, such as the 30 day Post General Report, the data from the Independent Expenditure Reports is automatically pulled into the regular report and she has no ability to manipulate this information. So, while we would again be glad to fix this error, we are unable to determine how our data entry is the problem.

We fully understand the need for the 30 Day Post General Report to reflect the correct cumulative expenditure for each election. We stand ready to make adjustments to the data entered on these reports to correct for these errors. However, we are unclear on how our data

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entry is the problem. We use a variety of software programs all the time, but we do not understand the "0s and 1s" that make computer programs work. To address this issue may require someone who can help us with the some unique technical aspect that we simply do not understand. Would it be possible to have a conference call with you and, if necessary, a technical person to help us know what we are doing wrong? Please let me know if this would be possible and we can schedule a time for early next week to have this call.

We do sincerely appreciate your helpfulness in dealing with the reporting issues we have with all of our committees. You have always been polite and gracious when we call with a question. If you could possibly spare some time to discuss our data input problem, we would be glad to correct for whatever is going wrong with these Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought issues.

If you need any further information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



James C. Thomas III

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