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This letter is in response to a letter received from the Federal Election Commission on 12/16/14, noting that certain entries for "employer?" and "occupation?" in our 2014 Post-General Report, such as "none,?" "self,?" "unknown,?" "na?" or "information requested,?" are not acceptable. We have filed an amended report for this period (<http://docquery.fec.gov/cgi-bin/dcdev/forms/C00554113/984221>), which contains updated information in acceptable form where we could obtain it from contributors. We have used our best efforts to obtain this information from all affected contributors, but did not receive responses from some.

We have followed all requirements set forth in the Commission's letter to demonstrate our best efforts in this regard. Our original solicitation did include a clear and conspicuous request for both employer and occupation. It specifically stated: "Federal law requires Ratcliffe for Congress to obtain and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer of persons whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in an election cycle.?" In addition, on December 29, 2014, we sent a stand-alone mailing directly to those contributors whose information was required, which: 1) asked clearly and unambiguously for this information without soliciting a contribution; 2) informed the contributor of the requirements of federal law for reporting such information; and 3) included a stamped self-addressed envelope for the return of a written response. The mailing also gave contributors the option to provide a written response by email to our campaign treasurer, and asked donors to respond on or before January 12, 2015.

We did not receive any response from, and were unable to verify in any other way any employer or occupation for, three contributors. A response from a fourth contributor stated that she has never been employed during her entire life, so she is not "retired.?" Although we recognize that "none?" is not normally considered an acceptable response, we believe that in this somewhat unusual situation, it is the only truthful response. Finally, despite a specific request to name the company if one is self-employed, two responses still say "self?" because the contributors did not provide any company name.

If we do receive any additional response, we will file a further amendment.

We hope that this represents an adequate response to your inquiry. Please let us know if anything else is required from our Committee.

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