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You have also requested additional information regarding the independent expenditures made by the Sierra Club in support of candidate Frank Lautenberg. As required under the Federal Election Campaign Act and pursuant regulations, these expenditures were made without cooperation or consultation with any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate and were not made in concert with or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate. See 2 U.S.C. 431(17). The communications involved in the independent expenditures made were not created, produced or distributed: (1) at the request or suggestion of the candidate, party or their agents; (2) after the candidate or party exercised control or decision making authority over the communication or the details of the communication; or (3) after substantial discussion or negotiation, resulting in collaboration or agreement, between the Club and the candidate, Lautenberg campaign or the party concerning the communication. See 11 CFR 100.23. The in-kind contribution reported on Schedule B did not involve any communication, cooperation or consultation that precluded the Sierra Club from making independent expenditures in this election.

The refund from Courtney for Congress has been deleted from line 23 and added to Schedule A, supporting line 16 per your request. All future refunds will be reported in this manner.

As we have communicated in previous correspondence, there has been a delay in our response to your inquiry due to the recipient of the letter and the address being inconsistent. The letter was directed to Margaret Conway, National Political Director, with the address of our San Francisco headquarters. Margaret Conway works out of our Washington DC office and therefore did not receive the letter in a timely manner. Upon further discussion with Jane Parks, Reporting Analyst, it was noted that all correspondence must be sent to the Treasurer designated on the Statement of Organization. The Statement of Organization will therefore be updated accordingly.

Please contact Jane Kraft at (415) 977-5658 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Conway
Sierra Club Political Committee