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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 10, 2004

Merrill Drew, Treasurer
Rhode Island Republican
State Central Committee
413 Knight St., Unit 101
Warwick, RI 02886

Response Due Date:
April 9, 2004

Identification Number: C00078196

Reference: Year End Report (7/01/03-12/31/03)

Dear Ms. Drew:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

• Schedule H4 of your report discloses disbursements for the Administrative category which use a ratio that is inconsistent with the ratio for the 2003-2004 election cycle. The fixed ratio for the allocation of administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity expenses should be the same for the full two-year election cycle. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

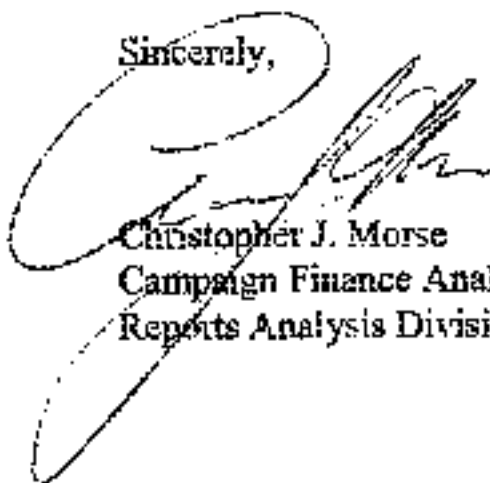
Please note that if your non-federal account has overpaid your federal account because of this miscalculation, it will be necessary to immediately transfer these funds back to the non-federal account. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the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

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee.

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.

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 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1133.

Sincerely,



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