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Reference: Year End Report (7/1/99-12/31/99)

Dear Mr. Scheibel:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-On Schedule H2, you have checked the Exempt box for "AO13 Admin."; however, on Schedule H4, disbursements for "AO13 Admin." are marked as Administrative. In addition, a Schedule H1 instead of a Schedule H2 should be used to disclose the ratio for the allocation of administrative and generic voter drive costs. Please amend your report to clarify both of these discrepancies.

-On Schedule H2 of your report you disclose the ratio for AO12 to be 20% FEDERAL and 80% NON-FEDERAL. However, your Schedule H4 calculations reflect the ratio to be 27% FEDERAL and 73% NON-FEDERAL. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule H2 indicates the allocation ratios for AO19 Direct Mail 3rd Appeal, Direct Mail Pros 3, AO29 Direct Mail 6th Renewal, AO24 Direct Mail 1st Appeal, AO25 Monthly Sustainer, and AO27 Direct Mail 6th Appeal were revised during the reporting period. Please provide the dates of the fundraising programs or events. In the case of a telemarketing or direct mail campaign, the "date" is the last day of the telemarketing campaign, or the day on which the final direct mail solicitations are mailed. 11 CFR §106.5(f)(2) In the event that an excessive non-federal transfers were received, the excessive amount should be transferred back to your non-federal accounts.

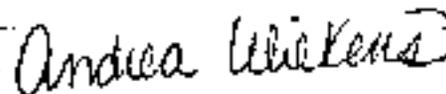
-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for administrative/voter drive are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses a transfer(s)-in from a non-federal account(s) for AO32 which appears to exceed the permissible amount(s) indicated by your allocation ratio for event. Please be advised that transfers for shared activity must not exceed the non-federal share of the joint disbursements and that these transfers must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(c)(2). Please clarify the nature of these transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account back to your non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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