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July 23, 2004

Mr. Christopher J. Morse
Federal Election Commission
999 E St., NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Morse:

This letter is in response to the RFAI dated June 23, 2004 regarding the 2004 March Monthly Report (2/01/04-2/29/04).

1. The Illinois Republican Party states on all of its solicitations that Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 per calendar year. For any individual that does not provide this information at the time of the contribution a letter is sent to them within 30 days of the contribution that exceeds an aggregate of \$200 in the calendar year. The letter that is sent clearly asks for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution, informs the contributor of the requirements of Federal law for the reporting of such information and allows the contributor to respond via phone, fax, email or by mail using the pre-addressed envelope that we have provided. I have provided additional employer and occupation information on this amendment for those individuals that we have received additional information for.
2. Schedule B supporting line 21(b) of the report discloses payments for "Direct Mail Services" and "Telemarketing Services" totaling \$35,959.50. These disbursements do meet the definition of FEA under 11 CFR 100.24 and have been moved to Schedule B line 30(b). These disbursements do not however contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR 100.22.
3. Schedule H4 supporting line 21(a) disclosing payments for "employee tax", "Health Insurance" and "Unemployment Tax" has been adjusted so that the amount of these expenses that are attributable to employees of the Illinois Republican Party who spent more than 25 percent of their compensated time on FEA has been moved to Schedule B line 30(b). The amount of these payments that were attributable to employees who spent less than 25 percent of their time on FEA has been adjusted to 100 percent non-federal on Schule H4 supporting line 21(a).
4. Schedule H4 discloses a payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 for "Professional Consulting" to Jason Heffley. Mr. Heffley is no longer an employee of the Illinois Republican Party but does assist the Party in a consulting capacity. Mr. Heffley is paid a monthly consulting fee for his services. This payment is therefore reported properly and no amendment is necessary.

If you should require additional information regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 217/525-0011.

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