



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 30, 2006

Robert L. Baranouski, Treasurer  
Branch County Republican Committee  
P.O. Box 127  
Coldwater, MI 49036

**Response Due Date:  
October 2, 2006**

Identification Number: C00000992

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/06-6/30/06)

Dear Mr. Baranouski:

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:

-Please provide the total(s) for Line 6(d), Columns A and B of the Summary Page. Note that changes in your figures may affect your Column B totals on this report and/or on subsequent reports.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling \$1,192.76 for "Lincoln Day Ad", "Postage", "Lincoln Day Program Printing" and "Lincoln Day Advertisement". Expenditures and disbursements for public communications (as defined under 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

Further, public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate, rather

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than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.


-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Lincoln Day Banquet Material", "Hall Rental Lincoln Day Banquet", "Lincoln Day Entertainment" and "Banquet Catering/Lincoln Day" on Schedule(s) B. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Please amend your report by providing the purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule(s) B supporting Line(s) 21(b).

**Please note, 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 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1141.

Sincerely,



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