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Response Due Date
10/23/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00557496

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2014 - 06/30/2014)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report 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 Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 5 item(s):

1. On Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report, you have itemized disbursements for which you have failed to include the purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4))
2. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Campaign Paraphernalia." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register is available on the FEC website at www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate_purpose_list_3507.pdf. A non-exhaustive list of acceptable purposes is also available on the FEC website at <http://www.fec.gov/rad/pacs/documents/ExamplesofAdequatePurposes.pdf>.

3. Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for the following disbursement(s): "Advertisement," "Reimbursed Items: Catering," "Reimbursement: Catering," "Stump Party Sponsorship," and "Voter Outreach/Campaign Materials." Please be advised that when itemizing

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reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in an election cycle, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information on Schedule B and clearly identify each memo entry supporting a reimbursement. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. (11 CFR §§ 104.3(b)(4)(i) and 104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3)

4. Schedules A and B of your report disclose expenditures from the candidate's personal funds on behalf of the committee. Authorized committees must disclose all expenditures from personal funds made by the candidates on behalf of their committees, just as they would disclose any other disbursements that they may make. Out-of-pocket spending by candidates, as agents of their authorized committees, requires memo entry itemization of the ultimate vendor if the aggregate amount of payments to that vendor exceeds \$200 for the election cycle. The memo entry must include the date, amount, and purpose of the out-of-pocket payments, as well as the name and address of the vendor to which payment was made. Please amend your report to include the missing information on Schedule B or indicate that memo entry itemization is not required. (52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b)(4), (5), (6)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b)(4), (5), (6)(A)); 11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4); Federal Register Notice 2013-09)

5. Debt payments for this period (disclosed on Schedule D) are greater than the payments itemized on Schedule B. Each expenditure to a person, which in the aggregate exceeds \$200 for the election cycle, must be reported on Schedule B. "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, association, and public or private organization -- other than an agency of the United States Government. Please amend your report to correct the discrepancies in the payments made to Gordon Ball. (11 CFR §§ 104.3(b)(4)(i) and 100.10)

- Your report includes loans owed to the candidate with due dates of 4/7/14, 5/13/14, 5/14/14, 5/17/14, 5/22/14, and 5/27/14. Please note that an overdue loan from the candidate's personal funds may be considered a contribution from the candidate if new terms are not disclosed. (11 CFR § 104.3(d))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an

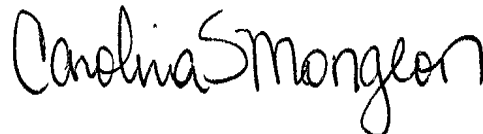
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enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. 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) 694-1138.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolina Mongeon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carolina Mongeon
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division