



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Tom Butchart, Treasurer
Mississippi Republican Party
P.O. Box 60
Jackson, MS 39205

Response Due Date:
May 22, 2009

Identification Number: C00084368

Reference: Amended Year End Report (11/25/08-12/31/08), received 3/17/09

Dear Treasurer:

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. **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 4 items:

1. The totals listed on Lines 21(a)(i), 21(a)(ii) and 32, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.
2. Schedule A of your 2008 reports combined disclose transfers totaling \$11,983.44 and \$10,000.00 from the "Mississippi Majority Committee" and "Senate Victory Fund" respectively, which are joint fundraising committees affiliated with your committee. Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraisers. The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. Please amend your report by providing the omitted memo schedule(s). 11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(i)(B)

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3. Schedule A of your 2008 reports combined disclose transfers totaling \$693,530 from the "Wicker-Mississippi Victory Committee," which is a joint fundraising committee affiliated with your committee. The sum of the entries itemized on the memo Schedule A, however, total only \$643,530.

Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraiser. The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. 11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(i)(B) Please clarify this discrepancy.

4. Schedule H4 of your report discloses disbursements for the administrative and voter drive categories which use a ratio that is inconsistent with the ratio disclosed on Schedule H1. The fixed ratio for the allocation of administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity expenses by State, district and local party committees should be the same for the full two-year election cycle unless a scheduled Special election would change this ratio. 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.

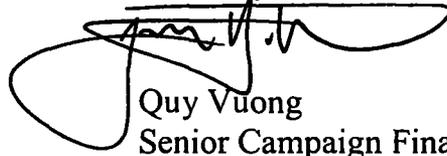
Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions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

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

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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) 694-1148.

Sincerely,



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