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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

GARRET GRAVES FOR CONGRESS

C00558486

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Mr. Patrick Harkins
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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00558486

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2023 - 09/30/2023)

Dear Mr. Harkins,

This statement is in response to the Commission's letter to the Committee dated December 10, 2023, regarding four (4) items on the above-referenced report (the "Original Report").

First, the Commission's letter requests clarification regarding contributions from one (1) federally registered PAC that appears to exceed federal contributions limits. This contribution was inadvertently disclosed with the wrong election designation due to a clerical error. The correct election designation has been disclosed on the Amended Report being filed concurrently with this response.

Second, the Commission's letter requests clarification regarding ten (10) contributions from the Committee that appear to exceed federal contribution limits. Nine (9) contributions were inadvertently disclosed with the wrong election designation due to a clerical error. The correct election designations have been disclosed on the Amended Report being filed concurrently with this response. One (1) contribution was inadvertently disclosed with the wrong amount designated for the Primary Election. The correct amount designated for the Primary Election with the remainder designated for the General Election has been properly disclosed on the Amended Report being filed concurrently with this report.

Third, regarding transfers from Transportation Trust Fund, the Committee has amended its Statement of Organization and the Candidate's Statement of Candidacy to disclose the joint fundraising representative as an authorized committee.

Fourth, regarding missing employer/occupation information, the Committee has provided additional clarification on the Amended Report being filed concurrently with this response.

In addition, the following paragraphs outline the best efforts procedures of Garret Graves for Congress (C00558486). The Committee believes its best efforts procedures, which were in place from its inception, are in compliance with the best efforts and donor identification provisions of Commission regulations.

As an initial matter, all Committee solicitations request the donor's first name, middle initial, and last name; notify the donor that the Committee is required by federal law to report occupation and employer information; and request that the donor provide such information.

The Committee reports all information as it is provided by the donors. For those donors who choose not to provide the occupation and employer information, the Committee (within thirty days of receiving the contribution) sends either a follow-up letter, including a pre-addressed and pre-stamped return envelope, or an e-mail, which asks the donor again to provide the information, and again advises the donor of the Committee's obligation under federal law to report the information. These follow-up letters or e-mails do not request any additional contributions from the donor.

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All such information received is reported. Any additional information received subsequent to the filing of the original reports will be included on amendments to be filed by the Committee.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Treasurer