

January 8, 2007

Mr. Michael H. Hartsock
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Hopefund, Inc.
FEC ID No. C00409052

Dear Mr. Hartsock:

This is in response to your letter dated December 8, 2006 concerning the 12 Day Pre General Report (10/1/06-10/18/06) of Hopefund (the "Committee").

You ask about the Committee's use of "best efforts" to obtain the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer donors whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. The Committee's practice is to ask for the required information on all solicitations. Then, if the information is not provided with the initial contribution, the Committee asks for the information in a separate follow-up letter, within 30 days of the contribution being received. All the information received is then reported on the Committee's reports. To the extent the Committee receives donor responses after the report has been filed, it will amend its report to add the additional information.

You also ask about an in-kind contribution made on behalf of federal candidates. Please note that the original payment for services was not itemized as an operating expenditure on Line 21(b). The in-kind contributions were disclosed as memo entries on Line 23 because the candidates received the benefit of the in-kind contributions in the Pre-General reporting period but the invoice had not yet been paid. When the payment for the services was made in the Post-General reporting period, the Committee disclosed it on Line 23 with a note referencing the original disclosure.

We hope that this information adequately addresses your questions. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Very truly yours,

Marc Elias
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