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April 1, 2009

Jodi Winship
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

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Re: 30 Day Post-General Report

Dear Ms. Winship:

I write on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Political League (MALPL) to respond to your letter dated March 18, 2009, regarding the Commission's review of the above-referenced report. I will address the Commission's concerns in the order in which they appear in your letter:

1. With regard to MALPL's contribution which exceeded the \$5,000 limit for contributions to federal candidates, MALPL contacted the committee Friends of Jay Rockefeller to request a \$2,500 refund on April 1, 2009. I have attached a copy of my letter to Friends of Jay Rockefeller and MALPL will report the refund when it is received.

This excessive contribution was the result of a miscommunication between MALPL and one of its affiliated committees which had already made a contribution to the candidate committee in question. MALPL is in the process of implementing the "Vocus" computer program to track contributions made by MALPL and its affiliated committees. In the future, this system will prevent excess donations by strengthening lines of communication between the affiliated committees to ensure that each committee is aware of all contributions made by other committees.

2. With regard to the independent expenditures in support of Barack Obama which MALPL reported making on November 13, 2008; MALPL will amend its report to show that those expenditures were made in September. By mistake the report listed the dates payment was sent to the vendor instead of the date when the expenditure was made. While the t-shirts and posters were ordered and distributed in September, MALPL did not receive the invoice for the products until many weeks later. MALPL paid the invoice in a timely fashion and erroneously reported the date on the check as the date when the expenditure was made. As stated, MALPL will amend its report to correct this error.

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3. Finally, you have informed MALPL that it did not file a 24 hour notice as required after making an independent expenditure in support of Kratovil for Congress within twenty days before the general election. MALPL has taken steps to ensure that this sort of mistake does not happen in the future.

MALPL's failure to file a 24 hour notice was the result of a mistake made by a staff member during the flurry of activity that preceded the November election. In order to stop future errors of this sort, MALPL has reconfigured the lines of communication amongst staff members who handle independent expenditures so that independent expenditures are ultimately handled by a single staff member. MALPL expects that this new configuration will significantly reduce the opportunity for these sorts of errors in the future.

Indeed, MALPL is confident that all of the changes it has enacted will limit the opportunity for future errors and we appreciate your patience as MALPL implements these new systems. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Carey Butsavage
Counsel to MALPL

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April 1, 2009

Ms. Cheryl Carson
Friends of Jay Rockefeller
P.O. Box 1909
Charleston, WV 25327

SENT VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Dear Ms Carson:

I write on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Political League (MALPL) to request a refund of \$2,500 from Friends of Jay Rockefeller.

On November 11, 2008, MALPL contributed \$5,000 to Friends of Jay Rockefeller for the 2008 general election campaign. Without MALPL's knowledge, its affiliated committee, the Laborers' Political League, had already contributed \$2,500 to Friends of Jay Rockefeller on June 20, 2008. Because our affiliated committee had already given \$2,500, our \$5,000 contribution exceeded the FEC's contribution limits.

As a result, we respectfully request that Friends of Jay Rockefeller refund \$2,500 in a check made payable to the Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Political League.

MALPL apologizes in advance for the inconvenience. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carey Butsavage", written in a cursive style.

Carey Butsavage
Counsel to MALPL

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