

Campaign for Our Country (C00409508) - Amendment to Year End Report (07/01/07-12/31/07) - In response to the Federal Election Commission's inquiry of April 18, 2008, please be informed of the following: 1) The committee's original filing correctly reports on Schedule A, Line 11 the earmarked contributions received through ACT BLUE. Those requiring itemization are disclosed on Schedule A, Line 11a(i). Those that do not exceed the disclosure threshold are included in the sum of contributions reported on Line 11a(ii). The conduit memos that relate to the earmarked contributions are reported on Schedule A, Line 11c. The committee reports all conduit memos on Schedule A, Line 11c regardless of the requirement for itemization of related earmarked contribution. As such, the total of conduit memos (\$54,189.71) is comprised of itemized earmarked contributions and unitemized earmarked contributions. Note, the figure for the total of conduit memos is adjusted to account for the refund of an earmarked contribution (i.e., \$57,159.71 less the \$2,970.00); like the original earmarked contribution, the refund was made through ACT BLUE. Finally, please note that the reporting of the conduit memos on Schedule A, Line 11c as opposed to immediately following related earmarked contributions on Schedule A, Line 11a is a function of the committee's reporting software; 2) The committee's report discloses on Schedule A, Line 11a(i) complete information for all contributions that were directly received and deposited by the committee. For contributions it solicits, the committee's original solicitation clearly advises potential contributors of the requirement for contributor information. Upon receipt of a contribution, the committee immediately solicits missing information. The committee also conducts a review for missing information prior to the submission of disclosure reports. With respect to the reporting of contributions received through other committees (i.e., earmarked contributions), all of the contributions are on-line (Internet) contributions that require the contributor to complete an electronic form that requests required reporting information in a manner that is consistent with FEC-stipulated best-efforts language. The contributor data that is provided to the committee by the conduit committee and subsequently reported by the committee is information that has been input by the contributor. The committee notes that the issue raised in the FEC's RFAI relates to five contributors who made on-line earmarked contributions through ACT BLUE, and who provided the information that was reported by the committee; 3) The committee's report discloses on Schedule B, Line 21b disbursements for Advertisement, Postage and Telemarketing Services. No disbursement for these purposes was for the purpose of public communications as defined in federal regulations; none of the related activity contained express advocacy. The activity pertained to the committee's efforts to raise funds for organizational purposes; 4) Campaign for Our Country is a small committee that has few administrative expenses. The committee currently has no rented office space or utilities. All expenses incurred to operate the committee are reported as federal operating expenditures on the committee's FEC reports.
