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December 24, 2008

Rex Templeton Jr., Treasurer
Georgia Federal Elections Committee
1100 Spring Street, Suite 408
Atlanta, GA 30309

**Response Due Date:
January 26, 2009**

Identification Number: C00041269

Reference: Amended 30-Day Post General Report (11/13/08-11/24/08), received
12/11/08

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 6 items:

1. Please provide a Schedule F to support the entry reported on Line 25 of the Detailed Summary Page. Any coordinated expenditure made by a national, state or designated party committee must be itemized on Schedule F regardless of the amount expended. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(viii) and 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5)(D)
2. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(c) prohibit a State, district or local party committee (combined) from receiving any contribution from a person or non-multicandidate political committee in excess of \$10,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another

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person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

3. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling \$210.00 for "Postage". Expenditures and disbursements for public communications (as defined under 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

Further, public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate, rather

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than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

4. Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from "Democratic National Committee" and "Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee." Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) reflects payments for "Postage/Printing-Exempt Mail Martin for Senate." Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as pins, posters, bumper stickers and yard signs) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election and for voter drive activity conducted on behalf of the party's Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §§100.87 and 100.147 and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B, E or F supporting Line 23, 24 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

5. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Exempt Campaign Materials – Obama 08." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

6. Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from "Democratic National Committee" and "Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee." Schedule H6 supporting Line 30(a) reflects payments for Federal Election Activity. Please be advised that under 11 CFR §300.34, a state, district or local party committee must not use any Federal funds transferred to it from a national party committee or any other State, district or local party committee, as the Federal component of an expenditure or disbursement for Federal Election Activity. Furthermore, your committee

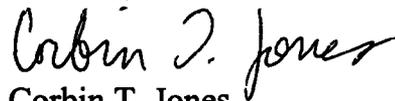
must itself raise the Federal component of expenditure or disbursement allocated between Federal and Levin funds.

Please clarify whether the transfer(s)-in was used for the subsequent payments for Federal Election Activity. In addition, please clarify the procedures you are currently using to ensure that Federal funds transferred to your committee from national, state, district and local party committees are not being used for Federal Election Activity.

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 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) 694-1177.

Sincerely,



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| Contributor Name | Date | Amount | Report |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Weltner, Anne | 6/9/08 | \$1,000.00 | 2008 July Monthly |
| Weltner, Anne | 9/28/08 | \$250.00 | 2008 October Monthly |
| Weltner, Anne G. | 10/27/08 | \$5,000.00 | 2008 12-Day Pre-Runoff |
| Weltner, Anne G. | 10/28/08 | \$5,000.00 | 2008 12-Day Pre-Runoff |
| Weltner, Anne G. | 11/14/08 | \$2,500.00 | 2008 30-Day Post General |

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