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August 11, 2022

Federal Election Commission: Reports Analysis Division
999 E. Street, NW Washington, DC 20463
Attention: T D Robertson

Re:Committee: French Hill for Arkansas
Committee ID: C00551275
Report: Amended Year-End Report (10/01/2021 &#8208; 12/31/2021)

Dear Senior Analyst Robertson:

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 7, 2022 requesting additional information regarding the above referenced report. Specifically, your letter requests an explanation for the increase in receipts totaling \$23,704.84 and the increase in disbursements totaling \$16,211.69 between the amended report and the original report filed for the time period in question.

With regard to this issue, the Committee offers the following:

The original report was prepared under the direction of the Committees prior treasurer and compliance firm. At the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2021, the compliance firm that had provided report filing services for the Committee for the previous four cycles made a decision to no longer offer these compliance services due to the fact that the lead partner on the engagement had announced his resignation in order to pursue other career opportunities. At that time, the Committee began a nationwide search for a compliance firm with a solid history of providing outstanding compliance services to committees under the jurisdiction of the Federal Election Commission.

Due to the complexity of making this change during the middle of the cycle, the transition took longer than anticipated and was not fully completed until the start of the pre-primary reporting period on April 1, 2022. During that time, which included the filing of the original report in question, a human data import error was made on several contributions received by the committee, along with the relevant reconciliations which resulted in them not being included on the original filing.

The increase in disbursements is related to expenditures made by the Committee during the last week of the fourth quarter of 2021, which included two holidays. Initially these expenditures were categorized as having occurred at the beginning of the first quarter of 2022.

During the final transition to the current compliance firm in the spring of this year, the Committee discovered the data input errors and determined that certain expenditures initially recorded in our filing database for the first quarter of 2022 were more properly reported as having occurred in the fourth quarter of 2021. As soon as those errors were identified, the Committee immediately amended the report in question along with subsequent reports impacted by the errors

While the Committee does not believe these timing issues are reflective of the overall procedures that the Committee has in place to guarantee compliance with Commission regulations, the Committee acknowledges the need to be ever mindful of areas for improvement and has taken steps to ensure that no further issues occur in the future. The Committee has full faith in the current compliance team.

The Committee believes that this response fully addresses the issue presented in the Commissions request for additional

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Sincerely,

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