

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Response Due Date 10/02/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00563270

REFERENCE: AMENDED STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, RECEIVED 08/13/2014

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 $\underline{1}$ item(s):

- Your committee has checked Line 5(d) which indicates you are a party committee. However, on Line 6 you indicate that "Independent American Party of New Mexico" is your connected organization. Please amend your Statement of Organization to clarify this discrepancy.

Please be advised that a connected organization is any organization which 1) is not a political committee and 2) directly or indirectly establishes, administers, or financially supports a political committee. This type of organization includes a corporation, corporation without capital stock, labor organization, membership organization, a cooperative, or a trade association. For further guidance on the question of connected organizations, please refer to 11 CFR §100.6.

If your committee is responsible for the day-to-day operation of a political party, then you should not have listed an apparent connected organization on Line 6. If your committee does in fact have a connected organization, then you should have checked Line 5(e). Please refer to 2 U.S.C. §433, 11 CFR §102.2, and the instructions for the Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) for further information.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this

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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) 694-1147.

Sincerely,

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