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August 29, 2005

Mr. Bradley Decker
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

RE: Republican Party of Texas
Identification Number: 000143743
Report: Amended February Monthly Report (January 1, 2005 - January 31, 2005)

Filed March 20, 2005

Dear Mr. Decker:

Pursuant to your letter dated, August 29, 2005, regarding the Amended February Monthly Report, we are responding to each item (as listed below).

- 1). Beginning Cash Total - has been amended to reflect the ending balance on the Amended 2004 Year End Report as filed on 07/22/2005.
- 2). On Schedule D reporting of "Operating expenses" owed to an individual were expenditures for traveling expenses. We have amended the report to show detail of the transactions as follows:
- 3). Regarding the Memo Text on the End Of Year 2003 report, amended and filed on January 4, 2005, which states that a transfer of \$57,998.98 was made from the federal account on 01/04/05 to a non-federal account, we have corrected this transaction. Also reported in the memo text of the same report was an additional transfer in the amount of \$7,986.30 to transfer 72% of the remaining Line 15 items. This transfer was also made on January 4, 2005. We have amended the report to reflect these transfers.
- 4). Regarding 11 CFR # 104.3(a)(4)(i), Identification for an individual who contributes more than \$200, The Republican Party of Texas follows the following procedure to obtain this information. The Party first requests this information on the original solicitation in a clear and conspicuous manner. The request informs the contributor of the requirements of federal law in reporting this information. If the individual doesn't provide the information with their contribution, we follow up with a letter mailed to the individual requesting this information in clear manner. The letter is sent with a return envelop provided for them. These procedures are designed to demonstrate our "best efforts" to obtain information required by the Commission. We have sent a sample copy of a solicitation mail piece and the follow up letter used by the Republican Party of Texas under separate cover. When information is returned, our database is amended and the information is reported.
- 5). Regarding Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of this report disclosing "Media Production", this was a disbursement for a television ad for "Wohlgemuth for Congress". Further research shows that this expenditure should have been reported as an "in-kind" contribution to the Wohlgemuth for Congress committee and we have moved it to line 23 as appropriate.
- 6). Schedule B also reports \$21,608.35 for Fundraising Printing and Postage and Fundraising Telemarketing Expenses. These expenses are for the Republican Party of Texas generic fundraising drives and are not for any specific candidate mailing. These expenditures do not constitute in-kind contributions on behalf of any specific candidate. All expenditures are reviewed carefully to identify specific reporting requirements and to identify any expenditure that meets the definition of a Federal Election Activity or express advocacy activity.

Best regards,

Christopher Maska, Treasurer