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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 March Monthly Report (February 1, 2005 - February 28, 2005)

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Dear Mr. Decker:

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

7). Schedule H4 also included travel expenses as follows: Chili's Copperfield 7629 N. IH35 Austin, Texas 78735, \$28.67; P.F. Chang's, 201 San Jacinto, Austin, Texas 78701, \$43.48; The Roaring Fork 701 Congress Ave, Austin, Texas, 78701, \$287.86; Serranos Symphony Square, 1111 Red River, Austin, Texas 78702, \$43.49; Wings & More A & M, 1511 University Drive, College Station, 77840, \$23.27; Fast Pay Gasoline, 601 N IH35, Austin, Texas, 78702, \$16.89 gasoline. Check to individual originally filed as "operating expenses" was reimbursement for travel to Washington DC for the Presidential Inaugural. The total amount reimbursed was \$2,362.49. Of that amount: \$1,688.90 for lodging was paid to Marriott Hotels & Resorts, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington D.C., 20008, \$110 was paid for taxi's and their tips; \$322.70 was paid for airfare to American Airlines online ticket purchase; \$196.73 was paid for meals to Marriott Hotels & Resorts, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington D.C., 20008 and \$44.16 was paid for 138 mileage to and from the airport. These expenses were reimbursed within the 30 day after payment of expenses and 60 after closing of the credit card statement, therefore, do not warrant disclosure on Schedule A, Line 11(a)(i); mileage \$145.28; Steak & Shake 2272 East Lamar, Arlington, Tx, 76006, \$7.92; Texas Land & Cattle 1101 S. Mopac, Austin, Texas 78746, \$80.27, Kevins's Cookies, 816 Congress Ave, Austin, Tx 78701, 12.83; Papa John's 411 W. MLK Blvd, Austin, Texas, 78701, \$39.97. No other items are required to be itemized.

8). Also on Schedule H4, \$1,100 was reported as disbursement for "Computer Consulting" & "Website". These individuals are not employees of the Republican Party of Texas but are outside consultants to the Party, therefore, don't require being reported as a Federal Election Activity.

9). On Schedule H4, Line 21(a) a payment made for health insurance has been moved to FEA activity on Schedule B, Line 30(b) by correcting the coding within the reporting software.

10). Schedule H4 reflecting expenditure for "Photography", this expenditure was not for any specific candidate and was not a public communication for a clearly identified candidate for Federal Office.

11). Schedule H3 was incorrectly reporting the address of the entity rather than the name. The software coding has been corrected so that the full name appears on the schedule.

12). As required by 11 CFR #104.3(b), 104.17(a) and 106.1 we have outlined in the memo field each vendor, vendor address, and date of expenditure as required for list acquisition expenses. These expenditures did not qualify as activity that promotes or opposes a Federal candidate, nor does it qualify as exempt party activity. They are as follows: Barnes & Noble Bookseller, 321 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78216, Purchase of two books for \$38.92; Office

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Max, 8266 Agora Parkway, Selma, Texas 78154, Purchase of Office Supplies \$7.54; Office Max, 907 West 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78703, Office Supplies \$17.30; Amazon.com, Online Purchase, Books \$22.40; Match Frame, 8531 Fairhaven, San Antonio, Texas 78229, Courier Service & BetaSP Services \$71.42; Kevin's Cookies, 1001 Congress Ave, Austin, Texas 78701, Breakfast Muffins \$8.96. No other items are required to be itemized.

13). The expenditures listed on Schedule H4 as "list acquisition" or "data collection" expenses are expenditures to augment the generic database of the Republican Party of Texas, and therefore, does not constitute FEA activity.