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February 26, 2009

Mr. Chris Jones  
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Washington, DC 20463

Identification No. C300011101  
Re: Amended Form 9 filings dated 10/7/08

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter is in response to your two letters of February 5, 2009, regarding two amended reports on FEC Form 9, filed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and dated October 7, 2008. In your letters of February 5, you identified certain discrepancies between those amended filings and the Chamber's original Forms 9, filed August 29, 2008, and requested clarification.

The first issue about which you are requesting clarification is a discrepancy between the disbursements listed on the two original Forms 9 and the amended Forms 9. On one of the amended Forms 9, for an ad identified as "Landrieu Energy", the amount of the reported disbursement decreased from \$304,125 on the original Form 9 to \$175,000 on the amended form. On the other amended Form 9, for an ad identified as Landrieu Healthcare, the amount of the reported disbursement increased from \$141,455 on the original Form 9 to \$325,000 on the amended form.

The explanation for these discrepancies is that the disbursement amounts reported on the original forms filed August 29 were incorrect. The Landrieu Energy filing should have had a disbursement of \$175,000 listed, and the Landrieu Healthcare filing should have had a disbursement of \$325,000 listed. We discovered that, due to a clerical error, the disbursement amounts reported on the original forms for the two ads (1) had been switched and (2) did not account for all reportable expenses. The amended reports filed on October 7, 2008, reflect the correct disbursements for each ad, which explains the apparent "increase" for one ad, and the apparent "decrease" for the other.

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Your letters of February 5, 2009, also ask for clarification as to why our amended reports contained dates of public distribution and covering periods that differ from those stated in the original August 29, 2008, filings. The dates of public distribution stated on the original filings were not firm dates at the time of the August 29, 2008, filing, and were subsequently delayed. The correct date of distribution was included on the amended filings, which is the reason the covering periods also differed (the covering periods were extended to include the actual date of public distribution.)

I hope that this clarifies your questions regarding the differences between the original and amended reports. We regret the clerical errors that led to these discrepancies and have taken steps to ensure that the errors are not repeated.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Rob Engstrom  
Vice President, Political Affairs

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