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Caroline,

I am writing in response to your letter request for an explanation on receipts and disbursements dated June 15, 2012. As we discussed some months ago, I came on earlier this year as Treasurer for Dr. Gerry Dembrowksis congressional campaign, when it became apparent there were loose ends that needed to be taken care of prior to terminating the congressional account.

As a part of my diligence I spoke with campaign members, attempted to contact the previous treasurer, and interacted at length with the candidate himself. I gathered all the bank records, receipts, and associated literature that was available and thoroughly reviewed the FEC instructions for filing the reports. Having a good grasp of what FEC reporting should include, I reviewed the originally filed FEC reports. I was stunned at the level of errors and obvious carelessness with which the reports were filed- including omission of receipts & disbursements, miscategorization/lack of correct reporting of candidate loans & repayments, lack of aggregation of candidate loans, and 2 pages of a personal email that accompanied the original July 2010 filing. After conferring with you about how to go about fixing this mess, it was decided that all reports would need to be amended and in short, ALL the work done by the previous treasurer Ronald Gengo, needed to be redone. I carefully went through each report and prepared accurate amendments, which as the June 15th letter for additional clarification notes, includes increases in both receipts and disbursements.

These changes are the result of appropriately documenting candidate loans and repayments, thoroughly reporting all contributions via paypal and check, and checking all items against the bank records to ensure nothing was inadvertently left out. Given that all of this information was available at the time the prior treasurer filed each of the reports, I am really at a loss to explain why the reports were not diligently completed the first time around.

The candidate, Dr. Dembrowski said Ron approached him and described himself as having experience with FEC filings, a good grasp of what was required, and would be capable of doing a good job.

Unfortunately, in retrospect this does NOT appear to be the case. The amended filings are, to the best of my knowledge and ability, complete and accurate.

Sincerely,
Jess Barnes
Treasurer
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