



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

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Glen O'Connell, Treasurer
South Carolina Republican Party
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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Identification Number: C00034033

Reference: Amended April Quarterly Report (1/1/02-3/31/02), received 5/14/02

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

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Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your committee has filed a Schedule H1 which indicates that your federal allocation ratio for administrative and generic voter drive costs is both 25% and 27.27%. However, you have failed to allocate expenses between your federal and non-federal accounts on Schedule H4. Please clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule H1 of your report discloses the federal portion of administrative and generic voter drive expenses to be 25% and 27.27%. The federal portion is calculated by checking all of the offices that appear on the general election ballot, and dividing the points for federal office by the total points for all offices. Please verify that your Schedule H1 adequately reflects the 2002 general election ballot. If necessary, please amend your report to include a corrected H1.

Your report discloses two Schedule H1's for shared administrative federal and non-federal expenses. Please amend your report to clarify the correct of the ratio.

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-Your report discloses no payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Each state or local party committee utilizing separate federal and non-federal accounts is required to allocate any administrative expenses between the accounts in proportion to the BALLOT COMPOSITION METHOD derived from FEC Schedule H1. A Schedule H1 must be filed with the first FEC FORM 3X filed at the beginning of each calendar year. 11 CFR §106.5(d)

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be provided during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please provide the necessary information regarding administrative expenses incurred by your committee and/or amend your report to disclose such expenses according to the referenced provisions of the Act and Commission Regulations.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for McLaughlin and Associates and The Andy Thomas Show on Schedule(s) B. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

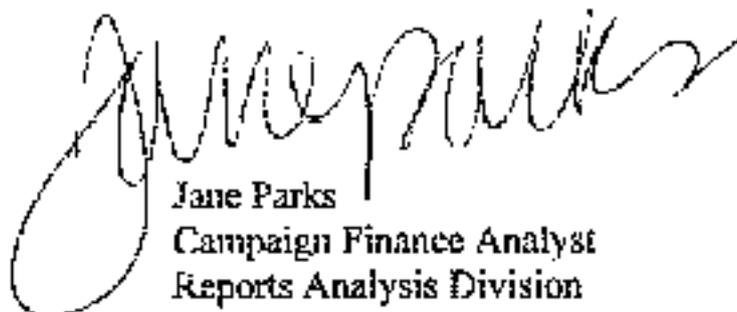
-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Receipts from individuals should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) A, supporting Line(s) 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

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of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694 1130.

Sincerely,



Jane Parks
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**SCHEDULE A (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED RECEIPTS**

Use separate schedule(s)
or each category of the
Detailed Summary Page

FOR LINE NUMBER:
(check only one)

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
South Carolina Republican Party

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A. Tax Exempt Entity (Citizen)

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1155

City

Seneca

State

SC

Zip Code

29879

FEC ID number of contributing
federal political committee.

Name of Employer

Description

Receipt For: 2002

X Funds

Other (specify) ▼

Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼

9000.00

Date of Receipt

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09 / 27 / 2002

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

9000.00

Other Receipt

Transaction ID: 0417200256C118202

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9000.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this one number only) ▶

9002.50

