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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) U.S. Chamber of Commerce

FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER C90013145

Mailing Address 1615 H Street NW

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November 14, 2018

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Dear Ms. Ringgold:

I write in response to your October 15, 2018 letter to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (C90013145) regarding its July Quarterly Report of independent expenditures for 2018. Your letter notes that no contributions are disclosed on Line 6, Total Contributions, and that [e]ach contributor who made a donation in excess of \$200 to further the independent expenditure(s) must be itemized on Schedule 5-A, including their identification information.

Per the FECs regulations in effect at the time, filers are required to provide the identification of each person who made a contribution in excess of \$200 to the person filing such report, which contribution was made for the purpose of furthering the reported independent expenditure. 11 CFR 109.10(e)(1)(vi) (emphasis added); see also Final Rules on Coordinated and Independent Expenditures, 68 Fed. Reg. 404, 413 (Jan. 3, 2003) (reporting of independent expenditure contributors is limited to those who contributed specifically for independent expenditures); Statement of Reasons of Chairman Petersen and Commissioners Hunter and McGahn in MUR 6002 (Freedoms Watch, Inc.) at 5 (a donation must be itemized on a non-political committees independent expenditure report only if such donation is made for the purpose of paying for the communication that is the subject of the report). The U.S. Chamber received no such contributions made for the purpose of furthering the reported independent expenditures, therefore the absence of contributors on Line 6 was intentional and consistent with the FECs regulations.

Sincerely, Abby Majlak