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REFERENCE: AMENDED 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/16/2014 - 11/24/2014)

Dear Ms. Seufert:

This statement is in response to the Commission's letter dated February 3, 2015. The Commission requested additional information regarding two items.

First, federal law and Commission regulations permit a state party committee to receive unlimited transfers from a national party committee. Additionally, a state party committee may pay for campaign materials that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election without the payments counting as a contribution or expenditure as long as the regulations outlined in the RFAI are met. The Committee's payments for 'VOLUNTEER EXEMPT MAIL' meet all of those criteria and meet the definition of exempt activity.

Second, the Commission requested clarification regarding payment(s) for 'PAYROLL SERVICES/TAX.' These payments are for employees that do not spend more than 25% of their time on Federal Election Activity (FEA) or activities in connection with a Federal election. These payments have been properly allocated.

This should answer the Commission's inquiry. Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions on these items.

Sincerely,
Ben Lombard
Treasurer, Maine Republican Party
