

# Montana Republican Party

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March 3, 2003

Nicholas T. Ebinger, Campaign Finance Analyst  
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Re: Montana Republican State Central Committee C00008086  
 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02 through 11/25/02)

Dear Mr. Ebinger:

This letter is in response to your letter of February 14, 2003 (envelop postmarked February 19, 2003) regarding questions on our report noted above. A copy of your letter is attached for your reference.

Transfers Received from the National Republican Congressional Committee and Republican National Committee

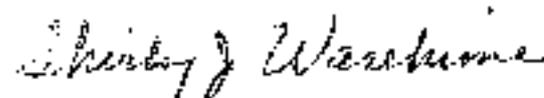
Amounts received from the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican National Committee were not used to purchase bumper stickers or other campaign materials. These transfers were used to purchase radio, TV and newspaper issue ads and support the party type ads reported as joint activity on Schedule H-4.

Bumper Stickers

The expenditure for "bumper stickers" reported on Schedule H-4 was for a bumper sticker that addressed an issue reading "MAX=TAX" that did not support a specific candidate.

If you have questions or need additional information, please advise. We do not believe our report needs to be amended for any of these items.

Very truly yours,



Shirley J. Warshawne  
 State Treasurer

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Shirley J. Warehime, Treasurer  
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Identification Number: C00008086

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02)

Dear Ms. Warehime:

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:

*reference to the committee*

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses transfers-in from the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican National Committee. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) reflects payments for "bumper stickers." Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

*invest in activity ad*

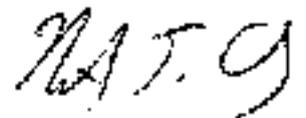
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Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your

report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations 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,



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