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Response Due Date:
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Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/08 – 9/30/08)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 6 items:

1. Your committee has previously established that it has been using "best efforts" to obtain the occupations and names of employers for contributors. This report discloses a significant increase in the number of entries for which the occupations and/or employers are not provided. Please note that the committee must make, in addition to the original solicitation, at least one additional written or oral request for the information within 30 days of the receipt of the contribution. A written request may not include an additional solicitation or material on any subject other than thanking the contributor for the contribution, and must include a pre-addressed post card or envelope for the contributor's response. An oral request must be documented in writing. (11 CFR §§ 104.3(a)(4)(i) and 104.7)
2. On Schedule B of your report, you have itemized disbursements for which you have failed to include the address and purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4))
3. Commission regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are "dinner expense," "media," "salary," "polling," "travel," "party fees," "phone banks," "travel expenses," "travel expense reimbursement," and

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“catering costs.” Examples of Election Day and voter registration activity include “exit polling,” “door-to-door get out the vote,” “get out the vote phone calls,” and “driving voters to the polls.” Unacceptable descriptions, which require additional clarification, include but are not limited to “advance,” “consulting,” “political consulting,” “commission,” “contract labor,” “retainer,” “election day expense,” “expenses,” “invoice,” “support,” “expense reimbursement,” “miscellaneous,” “professional services,” “get-out-the-vote,” “voter registration,” and “gifts.” (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4)(A))

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register can be found at http://www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate_purpose_list_3507.pdf. Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions that do not meet the requirements of the regulations.

4. Schedule B of your report discloses disbursements to credit card companies. When reporting payments to credit card companies, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in an election cycle, you must itemize, as a memo entry, the name and address of the original vendor, together with the date, amount and purpose of the expenditure. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. Please correct your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR § 104.9)

5. Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for expenses other than travel and subsistence. Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in an election cycle, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. Please correct your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR §§ 104.3(b)(4)(i) and 104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20)

6. Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to staff for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500. When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by staff to any one vendor that make up the reimbursement may have to be itemized. For example, if the campaign related payments to any one vendor by the

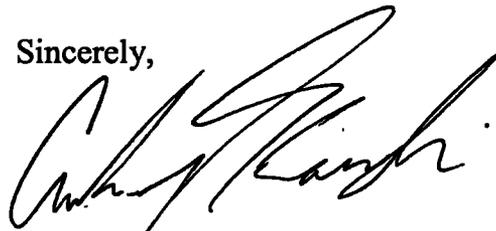
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campaign/staff aggregate in excess of \$200 for the election cycle, the staff advance payment to the vendor must also be itemized in a memo entry for that reimbursement. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and detailed purpose of the advance. If itemization is not necessary for a particular reimbursement to staff in excess of \$500, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. Please amend your report to include the missing or clarifying information. See Advisory Opinion 1996-20 for additional clarification. (11 CFR § 104.9)

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1167.

Sincerely,



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