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**Response Due Date**

**04/06/2012**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00019331

REFERENCE: SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORT (08/01/2011 - 08/31/2011)

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. **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 4 item(s):

1. On Schedule H4, your allocated activity or event year-to-date total calculations for the Administrative category are incorrect. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for administrative, voter drive, exempt activity costs and expenses for public communications made by PACs referencing only political parties are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for each separate category. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for fundraising and direct candidate support activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous event year-to-date total for that category or event. This running event year-to-date total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct event year-to-date totals. (11 CFR §§104.10(b)(2) and 104.17(b)(1)(ii))
2. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "GOTV expenses," "GOTV supplies" and "political consulting." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).
3. Please clarify all expenditures made for "canvassing," "GOTV expenses" and "GOTV supplies" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made for activity that promotes or opposes a Federal

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candidate, but does not qualify as exempt party activity, this amount should be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Lines 23 or 25. (11 CFR §§104.3(b), 104.17(a) and 106.1)

4. Schedule H4 of your report discloses a total of \$21,836 in lump sum payments for payroll purposes; however, the sum of the memo entries provided identifying each person who provided services to the committees associated with these payments total \$23,257.87. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

**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.**

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 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) 694-1143.

Sincerely,



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