



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Jules Mermelstein, Treasurer
MCDC Federal Account
30 W. Airy Street
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Reference: Statement of Organization dated 9/17/96

Dear Ms. Mermelstein:

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:

-Your Statement of Organization indicates in Line 5(d) that you are a subordinate state committee for the Democratic Party. Please clarify whether you are a subordinate committee or a state committee. A state committee is defined as the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of such political party at the state level, as determined by the Commission. 2 U.S.C. §431(15)

Please be advised that before using the contribution limits and/or statutes applicable for state parties, your committee must petition the Commission in the form of an advisory opinion to determine if it satisfies the criteria for state party status.

If you are a subordinate committee, please clarify your relationship, if any, with the Pennsylvania Democratic Party which appears to be an affiliated committee. For further guidance on the question of affiliation, please refer to 11 CFR §100.5(g). If your committee is affiliated with the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, you should amend your Statement of Organization to reflect this relationship on Line 6.

-The name of your political committee, "MCDC Federal Account" appears to be an acronym. If "MCDC" is an acronym, you should amend your Statement of Organization to include the full title in the name of your committee.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,



Richard Ng
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