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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 3 items:

1. Schedule A-P of your report discloses one or more contributions received after the primary election that are designated for the primary. These contributions may only be accepted to the extent that the committee has net debts outstanding from the primary election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

A contribution is considered made when the contributor relinquishes control over the contribution. A contributor shall be considered to have relinquished control over the contribution when it is delivered to the candidate, to an authorized committee of the candidate, or to an agent of an authorized committee of the candidate. A contribution that is mailed to any of the aforementioned recipients will be considered made on the date of the postmark. Envelopes should be retained for the committee's records. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(6))

If any contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If a contribution exceeds the amount of net debts outstanding from the primary election, you may have to refund or redesignate the contribution.

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The funds can be retained if, within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly redesignated for a different election. An excessive contribution is considered properly redesignated if (1) the committee obtains signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) the committee redesignates by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B))

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(3).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks and/or letters redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 28 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B-P of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations are reported as memo entries on Schedule A-P of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation is received. (11 CFR §§ 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or redesignate the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. On Schedule B of your report, you have itemized disbursements with the purpose of "Voided Check." Please be advised that if the committee received goods or services from a vendor without making any payment for the services rendered, the committee may be in receipt of a prohibited contribution. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations. Any prohibited contribution must be refunded or disgorged. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1)) The refund must be made within thirty (30) days of the treasurer becoming aware of the possible illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(2)) If the identity of the

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contributor cannot be determined, the committee must disgorge funds to a governmental entity or to a qualified charitable organization described in 2 U.S.C. § 170(c). (Commission Advisory Opinions 1995-19 and 1991-39). Please take and report corrective action or amend your report if these transactions were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed.

3. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for Lines 17(b), 17(c), 20(a), 20(d), 21, 22, 23, 28(a), 28(c), 28(d), 30, and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the election cycle-to-date totals. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))

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) 694-1169.

Sincerely,



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