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Response Due Date 08/16/2012

## REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2011 - 09/30/2011)

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  $\underline{3}$  item(s):

**1.** Please provide a Schedule A to support the total amount disclosed on Line 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. All contributions from political committees must be itemized on Schedule A, regardless of the amount. (2 U.S.C. 434(b)(3)(B) and 11 CFR 104.3(a)(4)(ii))

2. Please provide a Schedule A to support the amount reported on Line 13(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Each person who makes a loan to your committee, or to the candidate acting as an agent of the committee, must be itemized on Schedule A <u>and</u> Schedule C. The itemization on Schedule A must include the person's full name, mailing address and zip code, along with the name of his/her employer, his/her occupation, the date of the contribution/loan and the election cycle-to-date amount of contributions made by the person. Schedule C must include any endorser or guarantor of the loan, the date the loan was made and all other terms of the loan. If the loan is from the candidate, you must indicate whether it is from his/her personal funds, or was obtained by the candidate from a bank loan, brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit or other line of credit. (2 U.S.C. 434(b)(3)(E) and 11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(iv))

**3.** When a committee reports receiving a loan from the candidate, it is necessary to clarify whether or not the candidate used personal funds or borrowed the money from a lending institution or some other source. Please amend your report to indicate whether the loan is from the candidate's personal

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funds or if he/she obtained the loan from a bank loan, brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit, or other line of credit.

If the candidate loan was obtained from a lending institution, you must also file a Schedule C-1 with the Commission, providing the name of the lending institution and the complete terms of the loan between the candidate and the lending institution. Schedule C-1 can be downloaded from the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov, or requested through the FEC Faxline at (202) 501-3413. Electronic filers must submit the Schedule C-1 electronically.

If the loan(s) was from personal funds, please acknowledge that fact in an amendment to this report. It is important to note that "personal funds" is strictly defined by Commission Regulations. See 11 CFR §100.33.

- Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that appears to be disclosed on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, loans received from the candidate should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A and C, supporting Line 13(a) of the Detailed Summary Page. Refer to the Form 3 instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (11 CFR § 104.3(a) and (b))

- For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, please be advised that contributions received aggregating \$200 or less per individual per election cycle should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii) and are not required to be itemized on Schedule A. Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual per election cycle should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(i))

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.

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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) 694-1138.

Sincerely,

Carolina Cavano Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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