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John Camp, Treasurer  
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1508 Lady Street  
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Reference: Amended April Quarterly Report (1/1/98-3/31/98)

Dear Mr. Camp:

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:

-The Detailed Summary Page on Line 18, Column A, of your report discloses \$92,000 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity during the reporting period. However, Line 21(a)(ii), Column A, discloses \$78,721.12 as the non-federal share for joint activity during the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for allocable activity, transfers from the non-federal account for amounts greater than the non-federal share of allocable activity are prohibited by 11 CFR §102.5(a)(1)(i). Please clarify this discrepancy.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the amount which was transferred to the federal account in excess of the non-federal share. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses disbursements for the "Administrative/Voter Drive" category which use a ratio that is inconsistent with the ratio disclosed on Schedule H1 for the 1997-1998 election cycle. The ballot composition ratio for the allocation of administrative and generic voter drive expenses should be the same for the full two-year election cycle. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

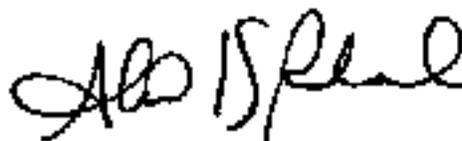
Please note that if your non-federal account has overpaid your federal account because of this miscalculation, it will be necessary to immediately transfer these funds back to the non-federal account. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "State" and "Federal". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule D of your report has failed to include certain information. Commission Regulations require the full name and mailing address of each creditor, the outstanding balance at the beginning and end of the reporting period, the amount incurred during the period, the payment made during the period, and the nature or purpose of each debt. Additionally, all debts must be reported continuously until extinguished or settled. Please amend your report by providing the nature or purpose of each debt. 11 CFR §104.11

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) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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