



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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P. James Nicholson, Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

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Reference: Amended April Quarterly Report (1/1/02-3/31/02), received 7/11/02

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

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:

-Please amend your report by providing the purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule(s) B supporting Line(s) 21(b).

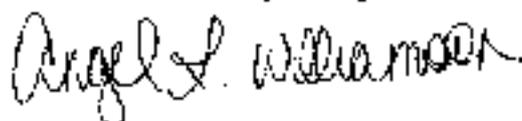
-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "campaign expenses". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR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

-On Schedule H1 of your report, you have disclosed more than one method of allocation for shared administrative expenses and voter drive costs. State party committees are required to allocate these expenditures according to the ballot composition ratio. 11 CFR § 106.5(d)(1) Please amend your report to provide the proper allocation ratio.

A response or 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. 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at

the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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