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Marlborough Republican City Committee

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September 26, 2016

Mr. Christopher Morse
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Dear Mr. Morse:

We are submitting this letter based on your recommendation to the Committee's representative on September 22, 2016. The purpose of the letter is to explain the Committee's recent reports and, more specifically, why the August Monthly report (FEC-1101070) was filed late.

Prior to filing its original Statement of Organization on August 8, 2016 (FEC-1093011), the Committee spoke with two different specialists in the FEC Information Division, and each of them advised the Committee to file as a non-connected committee, and then check with the assigned Analyst and get further instruction about what to do. The Committee did this, and after filing the Statement of Organization and being assigned to you as its Analyst, the Committee contacted you and you recommended that the Committee submit a letter asserting the reasons why it should not be treated as affiliated with the Massachusetts Republican Party. On September 7, 2016, the Committee submitted a letter (Miscellaneous Report), explaining the reasons. In response to that letter, you contacted the Committee and, in a phone call on September 16, 2016, you advised the Committee that it should file an Amended Statement of Organization, indicating that it was a party committee.

While non-connected committees are only required to file quarterly, local party committees are required to transition to monthly filing when (and if) they begin engaging in Federal Election Activity (FEA). The Committee's first FEA occurred on August 20-21, 2016, over two weeks before the Committee was advised to amend its organization type. Prior to that, the Committee had intended to file an October Quarterly Report. Realizing its dilemma, on September 20, 2016, a representative of the Committee spoke with you over the phone regarding this question, and you instructed the representative to disclose July 2016 activity in an October Quarterly report and to disclose August 2016 activity in a September Monthly report, both to be filed on September 20, 2016. Following that advice, on September 20, 2016, the Committee filed its Amended Statement of Organization and the September Monthly report, but the FECfile system rejected the October Quarterly report, citing an error with the date range. The Committee was unsuccessful in reaching you on September 21, 2016. On September 22, 2016, a Committee representative spoke with you over the phone about the software issue. When the problem could not be resolved over the phone you advised the Committee to report July 2016 activity in an August Monthly report, which the Committee did (See FEC-1101070). You also recommended that the Committee file a Miscellaneous Report explaining the reason for the late filing.

Based on that recommendation, the Committee is submitting this letter. Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matthew O'Brien
Treasurer