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**Response Due Date**  
**09/14/2011**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00431171

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (10/01/2009 - 12/31/2009)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's further 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 1 item(s):

- Schedule B of your report discloses \$193,907.00 in uncashed refunds. Please be advised that the committee may not retain excessive or prohibited contributions if they are unreturnable to the original contributors. The excessive amounts must be disgorged to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's General Fund Account (See Advisory Opinion 2003-18). The excessive amount should be sent to: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Services, Credit Accounting Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

The Commission notes the Committee's disgorgement of \$170,021.00 in refunds to the U.S. Treasury on the April Quarterly report. Please clarify this apparent discrepancy and/or inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and amend your reports as necessary.

**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.**