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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 14, 2004

William Coakley, Treasurer
FirstLine Transportation Security, Inc./SMS
Holdings Political Action Committee
7135 Charlotte Pike, Suite 100
Nashville, TN 37209

Response Due Date:
May 14, 2004

Identification Number: C00398511

Reference: Statement of Organization, dated 3/26/04

Dear Mr. Coakley:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The name of your connected organization, SMS Holdings Corporation, must be included in the name of your political committee. While committees may use commonly recognized abbreviations on daily communications such as letterhead and committee checks, committee filings (Statement of Organization, disclosure reports and amendments) must reflect the official name of the connected organization, as well as any abbreviation, within its title. 2 U.S.C. §432(e)(5)

-Please clarify the relationship, if any, between FirstLine Transportation Inc. and SMS Holdings Corporation. For an SSF jointly sponsored by two or more organizations, the full names of both organizations must appear in the name of the SSF. See AO's 1988-42 and 1988-14. If a connected organization has a parent company or several subsidiaries, however, the names of these corporations do not need to be included in the name of the SSF, unless more than one company is sponsoring the SSF. 11 CFR 102.14(e)

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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 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 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1139.

Sincerely,

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