



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Chris Steinbruner, Treasurer
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Committee Fed.
P.O. Box 322
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**Response Due Date:
August 21, 2006**

Identification Number: C00389981

Reference: June Monthly Report (5/01/06-5/31/06)

Dear Mr. Steinbruner:

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:

-Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) for which is categorized as Federal Election Activity and therefore, may require the disclosure of the candidate(s) this activity should be attributed to. Expenditures and disbursements for public communications that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

Further, please be advised that public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

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-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Furthermore, these disbursements are not considered Federal Election Activity as described in 11 CFR §100.24. Disbursements for "FEA 100% Federal: May Bank Fees," "FEA 100% Federal: Office Phone Bill," "FEA 100% Federal: Office Supplies," "FEA 100% Federal: Phone Bills," "FEA 100% Federal: Stop Payment Bank Fee" and "FEA 100% Federal: Volunteer Food" should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. "Contribution Returned -Contributors acc" should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 28(a) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

-For future reporting, please be advised that contributions to federal candidates and political committees should be itemized on a separate Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page.

Please note, 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 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1206.

Sincerely,



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