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December 13, 2007

Sylvette Seay Campaign Finance Analyst Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Dear Ms. Seay:

This letter is in follow up to our telephone conversation regarding the McConnell Majority Committee's (MMC) response to your letter dated October 5, 2007 in which you reference the McConnell Majority Committee's (MMC) July Quarterly Report (4/1/07 - 6/30/07).

Schedule A Best Efforts (1) and (2)

The Committee takes the following steps to ensure compliance with 11 CFR (104.3(a)(4)(i) and 104.7:

All solicitations to prospective donors include the following statement: "Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year."

If the individual fails to respond to the initial request, the Committee sends a stand-alone follow-up letter, no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the contribution, requesting the same information. The letter includes a pre-addressed, stamped envelope and contains the following statement:

"Federal law requires that we obtain the attached information regarding your occupation and employment. Please complete the attached form and return it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed envelope."

The Committee then discloses any updated contributor information it receives by filing memo Schedule A's in a timely manner with its next regular report or by filing an amended report.

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Should you require additional information on this issue, please contact me at your convenience.

If the individual fails to respond to the Committee's requests, the Committee reports donor information pursuant to the guidelines in 11 CFR 104.7(b)(3) and 11 CFR 104.7(b)(4).

(2) Inasmuch as the regulations require the Committee to ask contributors to supply employer/occupation information but do not compel the contributors to comply with the Committee's requests, the Committee has reported all the information it has in its possession in an attempt to satisfy both the intent and the substance of 11 CFR 100.12, 11 CFR 104.3, and 11 CFR 104.7. In addition, the Committee can find no guidance in the statute or regulations that allow it to add to or subtract from information that is voluntarily provided to it from its contributors nor is there any indication in the statute or regulations that the descriptions referred to are inadequate listings for employer and/or occupation. Finally, the Committee notes that it updates its employer/occupation data as it is received from donors and makes every effort to secure the requested information from all available sources.

## (3) Schedule B - Expenditure Clarifications

No portion of the expenditure for "fundraising consulting" was made on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate. This expenditure was made solely on behalf of the joint fundraising committee. Accordingly, no further itemization is necessary.

## (4) <u>Schedule B – Expenditure Clarifications</u>

No portion of the expenditures for "postage" and "photography services" were for any public communication or voter drive activity or for any communication (express or otherwise) on behalf of any candidate or other committee. These transactions are, in fact, expenditures made solely on behalf of the joint fundraising committee. As such, no further itemization is necessary.

## (5) <u>Schedule B – Administrative Expenses</u>

In accord with election regulations, the committee has disclosed all administrative expenses it incurred during the reporting periods covered by the reports cited. In addition, all administrative and compliance services were provided to the committee solely by volunteers and, as such, were not reportable disbursement transactions. Finally, the committee is not affiliated with any other organization.

## (6) <u>Treasurer/Designated Agent Signature</u>

The report was signed by the Assistant Treasurer who had been designated as such via the Form 1 submitted on 12/5/2006 and again on the amended Form 1 submitted on 8/31/2007.

Sincerely,

Robert ventgens Treasurer

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