# DONALD M. PAYNE JR FOR CONGRESS

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December 27, 2012

Mr. Paul Stoetzer. Campaign Finance Analyst

**Report Analysis Division** 

Federal Election Commission

999 E. Street, NW

Washington, DC 20463

Re: Donald M Payne, Jr For Congress

July Quarterly Report (5/17/12-6/30/12)

Dear Mr. Stoetzer:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 28, 2012 concerning the above captioned report. As requested, we have filed an amended report correcting the deficiencies cited., inaddition we have filed amended reports for all the subsequent periods through 11/26/2012, on December 27, 2012. The following are our responses to the questions raised in your letter:

Item 1.

Due to a lack of experience and some confusion as to the rola and responsibilities of our Washington DC fundraiser and our accounting department, a number of contributions were entered in our system twice, once by our fundraiser and again by our accountant when he received and deposited the actual checks. We have since corrected this problem, all contributions are now reported and entered into system by our accountant. Accordingly, as requested we have corrected the 5/17/12 -6/30/12 report and filed an amendment.

Item 2.

As a result of the corrections made to the 5/17/12 to 6/30/12 report, the negative cash balance previously reported has been eliminated and the amended report now reflects a positive cash balance of \$22,944.12.

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## Item 3

We have refunded the unauthorized corporate contributions that we were unable to certify that they were from segregated funds. (See copies of checks enclosed).

Item 4.

As result of amending the 5/17/12 to 6/30/12 report, the issue pertaining to excessive contributions for individuals were corrected. With respect to the International Longshoremen's Association it is our understanding that the \$ 10,000 contribution was allowable since Unions are allow to give \$5,000 for the Special and General Primaries and \$5,000 for the Special and General Elections. Please advise if our interpretation is incorrect.

### Item 5.

To ascertain that the contributions made to the Campaign by unregistered organizations are permissible, we mailed letters (see attached) developed by legal counsel to each of the unregistered organizations, requesting certification that the contributions made to the Campaign were permissible and complied with the FEC regulations. However, as of the date of this letter we have not received any confirmations. We are therefore, requesting an additional 30 days to submit the certifications, for the following organizations:

- Liberian Committee Association of NJ, Inc
- Committee to Elect Anibal Ramos Jr. for Newark Council
- Committee to Re-Elect Anibal Ramos, Jr.
- Committee to Elect Shelia Oliver
- Luciano \$ Freeholder

# Item 6 & 7

As outlined above, at the start-up of the Campaign too many individuals were involved in the accounting and reporting process, as a result it created confusion. Further, several of the checks, listed on your schedule, were received before the 48 hour reporting period by our fundraisers, but the deposited date were inadvertently recorded on our system for those checks. We have subsequently tighten internal

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controls over the accounting for contributions, our accountant is solely responsible for reporting and recording all contributions. We are confident that contributions received during the 48 hour reporting periods are reported timely and appropriately.

## Item 8

The Commission can be assured that we have made every effort to gather pertinent information from all donors. In those cases where we don't obtain complete information, our office manager generally contact the donors and/or do internet searches to obtain missing information. You can be assured while we are not always successful, best efforts are made to obtain missing information.

### Item 9

Pursuant to your request we have amended Schedule B to clarify all expense description to conform to the FEC guidelines.

### Item 10/11

Based on our review of Schedule C the only missing information was the "due date of the loan" of May 28, 2013. This was a personal loan from the candidate, there were no endorsers or guarantors. Accordingly we have amended Schedule C.

We trust that our answers to the questions raised are adequate and we apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact us at (9730 449-8413.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD M. PAYNE JR. FOR CONGRESS

H. O'Neil Williams

Treasurer.

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December 14,, 2012

Committee to Re- Elect Anibal Ramos Jr, C/O Council Member, North Ward 920 Broad Street, Rm. 304 Newark, NJ 07103

To Whom It May Concern:

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Should you have additional questions regarding a committee's filing requirements, please contact the compliance department at the Donald M. Payne Jr. for Congress.

Please review the attached statement and, by your signature, verify the true statement(s).

Thank you for your support and assistance in this matter .Please response by December 20, 2012.

Yours truly.

H. O'Neil Williams, Treasurer (973)449-8413

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## **Non-Federal Political Committee**

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### Section 2: FEC Registration/Filing Certification

Name

> Donald M. Payne Jr.for Congress PO Box 2406 Newark, NJ 07102

Signature

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### DONALD M PAYNE JR. FOR CONGRESS

# P.O. BOX 2406

## Newark, New Jersey 07114

December 14, 2012

The incubator, inc

320 Park Avenue

Plainfield, NJ 07050-4230

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Thank you so much for your recent contribution of \$ 500 (Check 3430 dated May 21,2012) to the Donald M Payne Jr. for Congress campaign. While we appreciate your support, Federal law prohibits the campaign from accepting contributions from certain sources, such as corporate, labor organization treasury funds, foreign nationals and national banks. Your contribution appears to be from a corporate source.

Accordingly, we must return (refund) your check. Should you wish to send another contribution, it should be from your personal account or from a federally registered political committee. Contributions should be made payable to Donald M Payne Jr. for Congress and mailed to P.O. Box 2406, Newark NJ 07114.

Thank you for your continued support. Don't hesitate to contact me at (973) 449-8413 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Merengue Restaurant, Inc

183 Broadway

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