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**Response Due Date**

**01/11/2016**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00496620

REFERENCE: DEBT SETTLEMENT PLAN, RECEIVED 10/1/2015

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's review of your Debt Settlement Plan (DSP). In order to complete our review, the following information is needed:

-A Debt Settlement between a committee and its creditors is filed when a terminating committee negotiates final payment at an amount less than that actually owed with its creditor to extinguish the debt. After reaching this agreement with the creditor, the committee submits an FEC FORM 8, DSP, for Commission review before making settlement payments. Once a committee is notified that the Commission has reviewed the DSP and determined that no violation resulted, the committee may pay the agreed upon amount to the creditor(s).

-The total amount of debts owed by the committee on Line 6, Part I of the DSP does not equal the total amount of outstanding debts disclosed on your most recently filed reports. Please amend your reports or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

-On Line 7 for Part I you indicate that there are 4 creditors owed; however, your most recently filed reports disclose 6 creditors as being owed. Please amend your reports or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

-On Line 9 for Part I you indicate that \$161,724.03 is owed to the creditors in Part II of the DSP; however, Part II itemizes \$140,624.03 as being owed. Please amend your reports or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

-On Line 10 for Part I you indicate that \$29,712.00 as the amount to be paid to the creditors; however, it appears that your committee does not have the cash on hand to pay this amount. Please clarify this discrepancy.

-On Line 13 for Part I you indicate that the committee has sufficient funds to pay the

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total amount indicated in this plan; however, it appears that your committee does not have the cash on hand to pay this amount. Please clarify this discrepancy.

-Please provide an explanation of the nature of the debt(s) owed to the creditor(s) included in Part II, Section A of your DSP.

-Part II, Section B requires you to provide the specific efforts taken by the committee to raise additional funds to repay the debt (i.e. fundraisers, phone banks, phone calls to supporters, mail solicitations, etc.). Please amend your DSP to provide this information.

-Part II of your DSP for the debt owed to Zeldes, Needle & Cooper lists \$27,169.05 as the amount owed to creditor and \$10,000.00 as the amount offered in settlement. Your most recently filed reports show the amount owed to this creditor as \$17,169.05 and indicate the \$10,000.00 offered in settlement was already paid to the creditor on 12/29/2014. Please note the DSP should only include current debt and the amount offered in settlement and cannot include prior payments made by the committee. Please amend your reports or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

-Part II of your DSP for the debt owed to Mission Control, Inc. lists \$13,248.66 as the amount owed to creditor and \$3,312.00 as the amount offered in settlement. Your most recently filed reports show the amount owed to this creditor as \$9,936.66 and indicate the \$3,312.00 offered in settlement was already paid to the creditor on 6/25/2015. Please note the DSP should only include current debt and the amount offered in settlement and cannot include prior payments made by the committee. Please amend your reports or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

-Part II of your DSP for the debt owed to Day Pitney LLP lists \$86,454.32 as the amount owed to creditor and \$9,000.00 as the amount offered in settlement. Your most recently filed reports show the amount owed to this creditor as \$77,454.32 and indicate the \$9,000.00 offered in settlement was already paid to the creditor on 12/29/2014. Please note the DSP should only include current debt and the amount offered in settlement and cannot include prior payments made by the committee. Please amend your reports or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

-Part II of your DSP for the debt owed to Christian Murray Design lists \$13,752.00 as the amount owed to creditor and \$7,400.00 as the amount offered in settlement. Your most recently filed reports show the amount owed to this creditor as \$6,352.00 and indicate the \$7,400.00 offered in settlement was already paid to the creditor on 6/25/2015. Please note the DSP should only include current debt and the amount offered in settlement cannot include prior payments made by the committee. Please

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amend your reports or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

**Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. If the information is not provided, the processing of the DSP will be discontinued.** You are reminded that until the Commission is able to complete its review, all debts including the debts involved in the DSP must be continuously reported. (11 CFR § 104.11)

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) 694-1146.

Sincerely,



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