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BATTLE FOR CONGRESS
PO BOX 480305
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Response Due Date

12/13/2013

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00545400

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2013 - 09/30/2013)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 4 item(s):

1. The totals listed on Line(s) 6(a), 6(c), 7(a), 7(c), 11(d), 11(e), 16, 17 and 22, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the election cycle-to-date totals (11/7/12 through 11/4/14). (2 U.S.C. § 434(b) and 11 CFR § 104.3)
2. Schedule B of your report discloses information which deflates your cash on hand. Schedule A and B of your report disclose in-kind contributions from the candidate. Schedule B of your report also discloses disbursements to Best Buy and Panera which according to memo text are connected to the reported in-kind contributions. It appears that these original vendor entries should be disclosed as memo entries on your report.

Authorized committees must disclose all expenditures from personal funds made by the candidates on behalf of their committees, just as they would disclose any other disbursements that they may make. Out-of-pocket spending by candidates, as agents of their authorized committees, requires memo entry itemization of the ultimate vendor if the aggregate amount of payments to that

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vendor exceeds \$200 for the election cycle. The memo entry must include the date, amount, and purpose of the out-of-pocket payments, as well as the name and address of the vendor to which payment was made. Please amend your report to include disclose original vendors as memo entries on your report and correct your cash on hand. (2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b)(4), (5), (6)(A); 11 CFR § 104.3(b)(2) and (4); Federal Register Notice 2013-09)

3. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Consulting," "Consulting/Partial Retainer," "Consulting Retainer" and "Field Consulting." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register is available on the FEC website at www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate_purpose_list_3507.pdf. A non-exhaustive list of acceptable purposes is also available on the FEC website at <http://www.fec.gov/rad/pacs/documents/ExamplesofAdequatePurposes.pdf>.

4. Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for the following disbursement(s): "Postage Reimbursement." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in an election cycle, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information on Schedule B and clearly identify each memo entry supporting a reimbursement. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. (11 CFR §§ 104.3(b)(4)(i) and 104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3)

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. 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. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

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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) 694-1132.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Jones", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Jones
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division