



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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June 15, 2005

Charlie Buckels, Treasurer  
Republican Party of Louisiana  
11440 North Lake Sherwood Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

**Response Due Date:  
July 15, 2005**

Identification Number: C00187450

Reference: October Monthly Report (9/1/04-9/30/04)

Dear Mr. Buckels:

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 A supporting Line(s) 17 of your report discloses a receipt(s) from a candidate committee(s) (see attached) which requires further clarification. For example, if this activity represents a **transfer of funds**, please indicate "transfer" on Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report. If this activity represents a reimbursement for services provided to this committee, please indicate this on Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report. Please amend your report to clarify the type of activity this receipt(s) represents.

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your **Amended 2004 September Monthly Report (8/1/04-8/31/04)**, received 5/26/05. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling **\$9,843.14** for "**Direct Mail-Party Donation Drive**". Expenditures and disbursements for public communications (as defined under 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for

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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, 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 amend your report to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.

-Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "FEA Direct Mail, FEA Fair Booth, FEA Festival Booth, FEA Gun Show, FEA Postage, and FEA Printing" 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 amend your report to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for **Facility Rental** on Schedule(s) B and H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

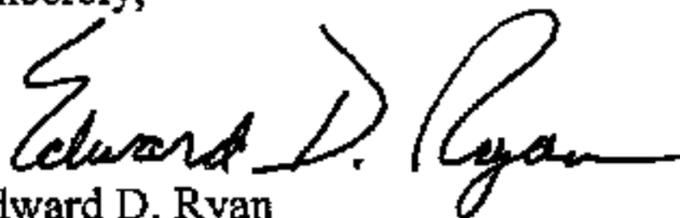
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-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B and H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Admin-Professional Services, Professional Services, FEA Consulting, Fundraising and Consulting." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

Unlike previous election cycles, 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) 694-1144.

Sincerely,



Edward D. Ryan  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
The Billy Tauzin Committee	09/03/2004	\$35,000.00	2004 October Monthly

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