

REPUBLICAN MEMBER SENATE FUND  
YEAR END 2009 - FEC DISCLOSURE REPORT

**UNITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Committee reported unitemized individual contributions of \$94,556.06 on Line 11(a)(ii), Column A of the Detailed Summary Page. These are due to the number of donors whose contributions were raised as part of the committee's direct mail fundraising campaign and represent those individuals whose donations aggregate to less than \$200.

**BEST EFFORTS**

Given that the majority of the contributions received are as a result of direct mail solicitations and despite the fact that each appeal includes a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information as well as occupation and employer; many of the donors do not provide that information on the initial request. The committee has established procedures whereby the following steps are taken to satisfy the 'best efforts' requirements: (i) within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the contribution, a letter is sent, clearly asking for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution; (ii) we inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information; and (iii) we provide a pre-addressed return envelope, a fax number and an email address. Upon receipt of the information the committee amends its reports to provide the new information.

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

The Committee has disclosed limited payments for administrative expenses. Since its inception, the PAC has primarily been an organization established and run by a group of volunteers. Presently, there is no formal headquarters - the Treasurer, whose duties are solely related to accounting and compliance is generally paid a consulting fee. And from time to time individuals are paid a consulting fee for services that include but are not limited to strategy, management, fundraising and administration. For these reasons, the Committee has limited payments for administrative expenses.

**DIRECT MAIL FUNDRAISING**

The Committee raises the majority of its fund through a national direct mail program. All expenses related to the program are for the benefit of the PAC and not a candidate or candidate's committee.

**POLLING**

The PAC spent \$7,500 on polling to assist in determining what candidates to support in the 2010 elections. The information was utilized by and for the PAC and did not benefit any candidate.