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Dear Ms. Eudy:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

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

-Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$586,525 in itemized individual contributions. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule A, however, indicates the total to be \$581,525. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Refunds of contributions from individuals should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 28(a) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

-Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page should only be used to report the federal and non-federal shares of allocable activities. If your committee has only one account, the total operating expenditures (administrative expenses)

should be reported on Line 21(b). Please amend your report to confirm the nature of your expenditures and to provide the total on the appropriate line.

-Your report includes computer produced formats of the Schedules A and D. Computer produced formats may only be used upon prior approval of the Commission. You should submit a separate sample format with a cover letter requesting approval. Until your format has been approved, FEC forms must be used. 11 CFR §104.2(d)

If the software your committee is using to produce the Schedules of the FEC FORM 3X does not allow you to electronically file your report, you may want to call the vendor who produced your software to inquire about the availability of a software upgrade that includes electronic filing. A number of commercial software companies have added electronic filing capability to their products. A list of these companies is available on the FEC web site, http://www.fec.gov.

Alternatively, freeware (FECfile) available from the FEC, can help you complete and file your reports electronically. It installs easily, computerizes every schedule in the FEC FORM 3X, contains features to help you avoid common errors, allows you to file electronically, and has free technical support for your questions. You may obtain your free copy by downloading FECfile from our web site, http://www.fec.gov, or by calling the Electronic Filing Office at (202) 694-1307.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Neil Evans

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