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Response Due Date
06/23/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00520825

REFERENCE: APRIL MONTHLY REPORT (03/01/2014 - 03/31/2014)

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 1 item(s):

1. The totals listed on Line(s) 21(b), 21(c), and 29, Column B of the 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 Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))

- Schedule B of your report discloses an expenditure(s) for "Direct Mail Fundraising", "Public Relations and **Media Services**", "**Outbound Advocacy, Messaging** and Fundraising Services", "**April Media** and Marketing Fees", and "Online Outreach and Advocacy." For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, if a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) or voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and would be disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate would be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page.

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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.**

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) 694-1133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Morse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "M".

Christopher Morse
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division