



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: March Monthly Report (2/1/04-2/29/04)

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 B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling \$11,696.23 for "**Printing & Postage Of 2004A and Bush Rally At Sugar Bowl**". 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 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.

-Your report disclosed a refund or returned contribution(s) from a federal committee (Republican Party of Virginia) totaling -\$50,000 on Schedule A

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supporting Line 16 of the Detailed Summary Page. If the check written by your committee was not cashed, you should itemize the voided check on Schedule B supporting Line 23 as a negative entry. Line 16 should only be used if the recipient committee cashed your check and wrote a refund on its account. Please clarify whether the amount on Line 16 is correct and if it is not amend your report to correct this apparent discrepancy. In addition, please amend any/all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction.

-2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) requires itemization of contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees, where the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in a calendar year. In addition, 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)(i)(B) requires a committee to report the total amount of unitemized contributions (see Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page). If a committee wishes to disclose contributions regardless of the amount contributed, the committee must separate (on separate receipt schedules) those contributors requiring itemization from those who are not required to be itemized. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i) For future filings, please submit your reports in this order.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Receipts from other State party committees (Republican Party of Texas) should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 12 (not Line 11(b)) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

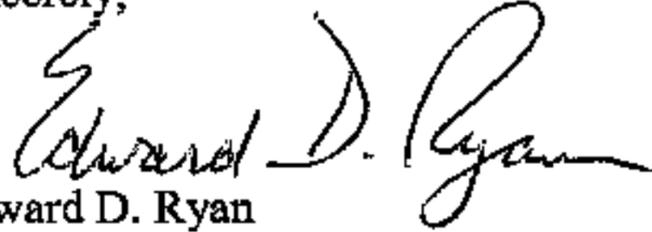
**Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond 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

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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,



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Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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