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Response Due Date
09/28/2012

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00105668

REFERENCE: AMENDED JUNE MONTHLY REPORT (05/01/2011 - 05/31/2011),
RECEIVED 07/21/2012

Dear Treasurer:

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. **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 2 item(s):

1. Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the "Democratic National Committee". Schedule(s) H4 supporting Line 21(a) reflects payments for "t-shirts" and "lapel pins". Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers, pins and yard signs) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election and voter drive activity on behalf of the party's Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR § 100.87 and 100.147 and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above, any portion of the expenditures made on behalf of specifically identified candidates must be

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disclosed on Schedule B, E or F supporting Line 23 or 30(b), 24 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate.

2. On Schedule H4, your allocated activity or event year-to-date total calculations for the Administrative category are incorrect. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for administrative, voter drive, exempt activity costs and expenses for public communications made by PACs referencing only political parties are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for each separate category. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for fundraising and direct candidate support activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous event year-to-date total for that category or event. This running event year-to-date total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct event year-to-date totals. (11 CFR §§104.10(b)(2) and 104.17(b)(1)(ii))

- Schedule H4 of your report discloses allocated payments to federally registered local party committees for the purpose of registering voters outside of the Federal Election Activity period. As a best practice, the Commission recommends you advise the recipient committees that checks received from your committee which include federal and non-federal funds must be properly disclosed and segregated, and that you provide them with specific deposit and disclosure instructions. Specifically, any transfers received from your committee by the local party committees should be deposited into their federal account and the full amount disclosed on Schedule A, Line 12. In addition, the non-federal share of the transfer received by the local party committee should be transferred to a non-federal account and disclosed on Schedule B, Line 29.
11 CFR §102.5

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.**

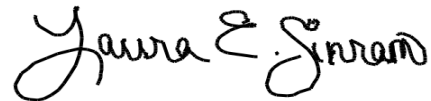
Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any

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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) 694-1157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura E. Sinram". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and a distinct 'E'.

Laura Sinram
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