



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Robert Harms, Treasurer
North Dakota Republican Party
1029 N. 5th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

**Response Due Date:
August 6, 2010**

Identification Number: C00018929

Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (2/1/10-2/28/10), received 5/20/10

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 6 items:

1. Schedule A, supporting Line 14 of your report, discloses a loan repayment received from "Adam Jones." However, the Commission has no record of a loan made to this individual by your committee. All loans made by your committee must be itemized on Schedule B regardless of amount. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(6)(B)(ii) In addition, loans must be continuously reported on Schedule C until they are repaid. 11 CFR §§104.3(d) and 104.11 Please amend the appropriate report, to provide a Schedule B, supporting Line 27 of the Detailed Summary Page to disclose the date the loan was made, and amend the appropriate report(s) to provide Schedule C, supporting Line 9 of the Summary Page to disclose the loan as outstanding, as necessary.
2. Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses apparent voided checks to "Mr. Richard N. Hedahl," "Mr. David A. Volk," "Mr. David L. Wisdom," "Mr. Gordon Bischoff," "Mr. Ken Tupa," and "H. David Knudsen," however, your reports do not appear to disclose disbursements to these individuals. Please provide clarifying information regarding this activity and amend your report(s) if necessary.
3. Your amended report discloses additional disbursements totaling \$45,041.31 on Lines 21(a)(i), 21(a)(ii), and 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page that were not disclosed on your original report. Please provide

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clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report. 11 CFR §104.3

4. On Schedule H4, supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to include the purpose for several joint expenditures to various vendors. Note that the activity or event identifier is not considered an adequate description of purpose. Please amend your report to include this missing information.

5. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule B of your report to clarify the following descriptions: "Event Expense," "General Political Expense," and "Miscellaneous Expense." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

6. Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses payments made to credit card companies. Payments made to credit card companies must identify in memo entries, the original vendors from which you have purchased an item or service if your payments to these vendors have exceeded \$200 this year. Please amend your report by providing the name and mailing address of the original vendor, along with the date, amount and purpose of each payment as required by 11 CFR §104.9(b) and clearly identify on the Schedule B, which credit card payment each memo entry relates to.

-Your report discloses a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from Political Committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

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

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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) 694-1173.

Sincerely,



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Reports Analysis Division

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