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Leah Palmer  
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Re: Sanders for Senate Campaign Committee  
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Dear Ms. Palmer,

In response to your letter dated December 22, 2005, we are filing an amended October Quarterly Report for the period from 7/1/05 - 9/30/05.

- In the case of three Contributions from Political Action Committees where you pointed out that some contributions appeared to exceed the permitted limits, we discovered that data entry error caused the contributions to be allocated to the Primary period. In fact they were designated by the PAC as contributions for the General Election period. The information was spelled out on the Check or on the letter that came with the check and specified that the Contribution was for the General Election period. This was an oversight on our part. When entering the contribution, we did not change the designation to: "General Election". Copies of the check and the letters will be enclosed with the hard copy of the amended return.

As for the individual itemized contributions that appear to be more than the limits for 2 individuals. Those individuals sent joint checks with their spouses and the contribution was intended to be, in part from each of them. We have clarified how much is from which spouse and for which election period (Primary or General). We have sent clarifying letters to these individuals offering to return part or all of the contribution if the allocation we made does not meet with their approval. Copies of these letters will be included with the hard copy of the amended return.

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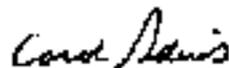
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- You point out that there is a discrepancy in our aggregate election cycle to date totals. This was the result of switching software programs to compile the report between our July 15, 2005 report and our Oct 15, 2005 report. While we did transfer all the historical data to the new software, not all the aggregate subtotals transferred properly. They are 99% fixed in the current amendment. The Contributions, both Itemized and Unitemized, as well as the PAC contributions, are now correct. The cash on hand at the beginning and end of each reporting period matches to the penny and reconciles to the bank statement and to the account balances at the end of each period, also to the penny. So, we know that each period's receipts and expenditures are correct.

You noticed that in a few instances, we only had a record of a contributors initials instead of their first name and some omissions of employer and/or occupation. We have taken steps to correct this, writing to or calling these people to determine their full first name. This has been corrected in each of their individual contribution records and is complete in the amended copy of the report. Our donation forms, letters and return envelopes all make it clear what information we are required to collect from contributors. Anyone who omits this information is sent a follow up letter requesting it. It is our campaign policy to call contributors by telephone when our letter is not responded to.

Please let us know if there is anything more you would like us to clarify for you.

Sincerely,



Carol Davis  
Treasurer

Cc: Secretary of the Senate

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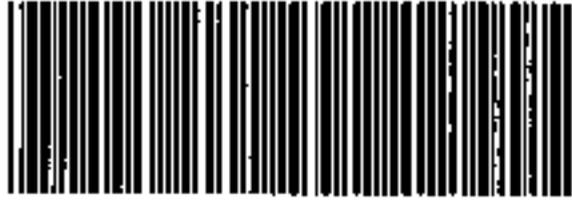
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