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Reference: April Quarterly (1/1/02-3/31/02), July Quarterly (4/1/02-6/30/02) and October Quarterly (7/1/02-9/30/02) Reports

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

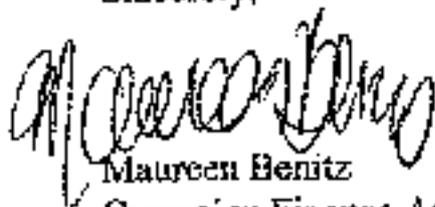
-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses receipts identified as "Unitemized Receipts." Please be advised that federal regulations require the itemization of all contributions from individuals/persons that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year. Please amend your report to disclose the source of these contributions. If this figure includes any receipts that aggregate greater than \$200 from an individual/person, amend your report by itemizing the receipts on Schedule A. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)

-Your report disclosed certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from individuals aggregating over \$200 per calendar year and contributions from individuals aggregating under \$200 per calendar year should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) A, supporting Line(s) 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii), respectively, of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

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A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Maureen Benitz
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