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RE: Year End Report (12/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Ms. Hurd:

Per your telephone conversation with our accountant, Eva Petty, the following is in response to your inquiry dated March 4, 1998.

- Expenses for polls are classified as an expense and reported on Line 21 until it has been decided to be presented to the candidate. Once the poll is presented to the candidate, the expense is reclassified from Line 21 to Line 23 to represent the in-kind contribution that has occurred. An attachment to the report is included showing the in-kind recipient, actual expenses, time held, percentage of poll, presentation date, and the amount of in-kind contribution declared.

It was understood by our accountant that once you reviewed the January, 1998 report, you understood how the reporting method, suggested by FEC in previous years, functioned. You also suggested that, in order to deter an inquiry of this type in the future, a statement should be submitted to FEC at the beginning of every cycle explaining this procedure.

Thank you for your guidance in this matter. If there are further questions, or additional information is needed, please contact our accountant, Eva Petty (202)789-7453.

Sincerely,

Kevin Walker
Executive Director
and Treasurer

Attachments

AMPAC is a separate segregated fund established by the AMA. Voluntary political contributions by individuals to AMPAC should be written on personal checks. Funds from corporations cannot be used for contributions and expenditures in Federal elections. Corporate checks will be placed in a separate AMA account for political education and other non-election activities. Contributors are not limited to the suggested amount. Neither AMA nor its constituent state associations will favor or disadvantage anyone based upon the amounts or failure to make PAC contributions. Voluntary political contributions are subject to limitations of FEC regulations. Section 110.1, 110.2 and 110.5 (Federal regulations require this notice)

Contributions to AMPAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.



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Dear Mr. Walker:

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:

-On Schedule D supporting Line 10, you have disclosed a \$12,200 obligation incurred for "poll expenses" for Henry-KY. Please clarify whether this is an in-kind contribution.

A written response or an 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. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Hurd".

Melissa Hurd
Reports Analyst
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