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**Re: Amended September Monthly Report**

Dear Ms. Lewis,

I am writing in response to your Request for Additional Information dated April 15, 2009.

Your letter makes reference to a payment received from Auburn Quad and reported on Schedule A supporting Line 17 of our report. We included three payments from Auburn Quad on that schedule, two of which were payments for an office sublease. These payments are routine as our committee shares an office with Auburn Quad, and we have consistently reported these payments on our reports without incident. It appears, therefore, that the payment you are referring to is the travel reimbursement of \$508.50 from Auburn Quad on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Your letter inquires as to whether the payment reflects the "normal and usual charge" for the goods or services provided. This payment was a reimbursement to ActBlue for the cost of airfare for Auburn Quad staff members to attend a conference. Since all of the staff members of our respective organizations planned to attend this event, airfare for multiple people was purchased together by ActBlue. ActBlue was then reimbursed for the portion that applied to Auburn Quad's staff. Auburn Quad paid the actual cost of the airfare, including taxes. Therefore, the payment does not include any contribution to ActBlue.

I believe this responds to all of the concerns raised in your letter. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at (617) 517-7600.

Sincerely,



Steven Gold  
General Counsel

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