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DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
FLORIDA
214 SOUTH BRONOUGH STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

Response Due Date
08/24/2011

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00005561

REFERENCE: AMENDED APRIL MONTHLY REPORT (03/01/2011 - 03/31/2011),
RECEIVED 05/20/2011

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) 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 item(s):

1. The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii), Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b) and 11 CFR § 104.3)
2. Your calculations for Line 11(a)(iii), Column B appear to be incorrect. Please provide the correct totals on the Detailed Summary Page. (2 U.S.C. § 434)(b)(7) and 11 CFR §104.3)
3. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions totaling \$8,215.97 from "Media Strategies & Research," which appears to be a corporation(s). 2 U.S.C. §441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying

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information.

If you have received a prohibited contribution(s), you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to transfer-out or refund the amount will be taken into consideration.

4. Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses receipts from several individuals with additional text that states, "Victory Fund." Please clarify if these represent receipts received from a Joint Fundraiser. If they are contributions received from a Joint Fundraiser please amend your report to include them as memo entries on Schedule A, supporting Line 12.

5. Schedule H4 of your report discloses a reimbursement(s) to an individual(s) for apparent travel and subsistence advances in which the total amount reimbursed exceeds \$500. When the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement have to be itemized as memo entries regardless of the amount. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and an adequate purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinion 1996-20, footnote 3

6. Schedule H4 of your report discloses payments to "LFS Consulting, LLC," which are categorized as Administrative expenses; however, the purposes of

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disbursement disclosed and "Consulting/Fundraising." Please be advised that payments made for your committee's fundraising activities must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratios reflected on Schedule H2. Please amend your report to clarify the appropriate category for these activities or provide clarifying information regarding these apparent discrepancies.

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 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) 694-1164.

Sincerely,



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