



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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THE TEA PARTY LEADERSHIP FUND
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Response Due Date

08/13/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00520825

REFERENCE: MAY MONTHLY REPORT (04/01/2014 - 04/30/2014)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report 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 2 item(s):

1. Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash on hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year to date cash on hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))
2. Your committee filed 24 and 48 hour reports informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support or opposition of federal candidates with "Groundgame Strategies", Rapid Response Television", "SCM Enterprises LLC", and "John Wehrung" as the payee(s). However, the dates of public dissemination disclosed on these reports do not appear to correlate with the entries on Schedule E, supporting Line 24 for the reporting period. If your committee has filed 24 and 48 hour reports supporting independent expenditures not reflected on your reports, you must file Schedule E during the appropriate reporting period to disclose these payments. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy and provide further information concerning these reports. (11 CFR §104.4)

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

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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) 694-1133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Morse', with a stylized, cursive script.

Christopher Morse
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division