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Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99)

Dear Mr. Batoff:

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:

-Your report discloses limited payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Any such payments to a person aggregating in excess of \$200 in a calendar year must be disclosed on Schedule B (if applicable), supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5) If these expenses are being paid by a connected organization, your Statement of Organization must be amended to reflect this relationship. 2 U.S.C. §433(b)(2) In addition, if expenses have been incurred but not paid in a reporting period, the activity should be disclosed as a debt on Schedule D, if the obligation is \$500 or more, or outstanding for sixty days or more. 11 CFR §104.11

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please verify that all expenses referenced above (i.e.,

rent, salaries, utilities, etc.) have been adequately disclosed. If these services have been provided by volunteers, please confirm this in writing.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Other federal operating expenditures should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B (if applicable), supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

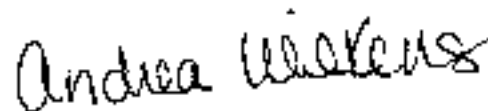
-For your information, each category on the Detailed Summary Page for which your committee discloses activity must have a separate schedule. Please note this for future filings.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses contributions to federal candidates for which no election designation has been provided. Please note that if no designation is included in your report, the contributions will be attributed to the next upcoming election for the recipient candidate. Thus, for future reporting purposes, it is in your committee's interest to designate the appropriate election in order to avoid the appearance of excessive contributions made to federal candidates by your committee.

-For future filings, please note that your committee need only file the pages on which you have itemized activity. Schedules with no activity may be omitted.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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