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Dear Mr. Stiers:

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 committee shows "Balch & Bingham LLP Federal Political Committees" as the payer on Schedule B supporting line 23. If the contributions listed on line 23 are in-kind contributions, please amend Schedule B to provide the name and address of the original payer as well as the name and address of the candidate or recipient committee. If these contributions were not in-kind contributions, please provide the candidate or committee's name and address. Please amend your report (s) to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within lifteen (i5) days of the date of this letter. <u>Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.</u>

Sincerely,

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