



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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March 21, 2007

Mark Tondreau, Treasurer
Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee
413 Knight Street, Unit 101
Warwick, RI 02886

**Response Due Date:
April 20, 2007**

Identification Number: C00078196

Reference: 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/06-10/18/06)

Dear Mr. Tondreau:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Your report discloses a receipt with the description of "Returned check and re-issued" totaling \$1,350.00 on Schedule A supporting Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page. If the check written by your committee was not cashed, you should itemize the voided check on Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) as a negative entry. Please amend your report to correct this discrepancy or provide clarification regarding this transaction.

-Schedule A supporting Line 15 of your report discloses an offset to operating expenditures totaling \$1,350.00 with the description "Returned check and re-issued." However, your report(s) does not disclose a reissued check(s). Please provide clarifying information regarding this activity and amend your report(s) if necessary.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling \$9,964.02 for "Automated phone message". Expenditures and disbursements for public communications (as defined under 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

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Further, public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate, rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

-Please amend your report by providing the address and purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule(s) B and H4 supporting Line(s) 21(b) and 21(a).

-Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "Cell phone allowance." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in a calendar year, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule B, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. 11 CFR §104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "cell phone allowance." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, payment to the original vendors must be itemized as memo entries regardless of amount. Each memo entry must include the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. 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 Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the

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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.

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- 1140.

Sincerely,



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