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Douglas J. Pauls, Treasurer  
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Committee Fed  
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Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/02-6/30/02)

Dear Mr. Pauls:

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:

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the address, state and congressional district for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

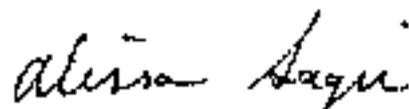
-Schedule C supporting line 9 discloses outstanding balances at the close of the period for the **LOANS** owed to your committee by **COMPAC NJ**, which differ from FEC calculations. Please amend your report to clarify these discrepancies.

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution to **New Jersey Senate 2002**; however, you have disclosed **Robert Torricelli** as the recipient in the candidate name field. Please clarify whether this was an earmarked contribution made by your committee through the **New Jersey Senate 2002** committee to this candidate, or if you made the contribution to the political committee exercising no direction or control over how the funds were to be used. If the latter is the case, please do not include the candidate's name in the candidate name field on future reports.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. 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 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.

Sincerely,



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