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2916 Maese Lane  
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December 11, 2012

Mr. Christopher Whyrick  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Whyrick:

Greg Sowards for Senate LLC (C00448423) is in receipt of your letter dated November 6, 2012 in which you reference the committee's July 2012 (5/17/12 – 6/30/12) Quarterly Report.

Schedule A Best Efforts

The Committee takes the following steps to ensure compliance with 11 CFR§104.3(a)(4)(i) and 104.7:

All solicitations to prospective donors include the following statement: "Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year."

If the individual fails to respond to the initial request, the Committee sends a stand-alone follow-up letter, no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the contribution, requesting the same information. The letter, which does not request any additional contributions from the donor, includes a pre-addressed, stamped envelope and contains the following statement:

"Federal law requires that we obtain the attached information regarding your occupation and employment. Please complete the attached form and return it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed envelope."

The Committee then discloses any updated contributor information it receives by filing memo Schedule A's in a timely manner with its next regular report or by filing an amended report.

If the individual fails to respond to the Committee's requests, the Committee reports donor information pursuant to the guidelines in 11 CFR 104.7(b)(3) and 11 CFR 104.7(b)(4).

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Schedule A – Inadequate Name and/or Employer/Occupation

Inasmuch as the regulations require the Committee to ask contributors to supply employer/occupation information (as outlined above) but do not compel the contributors to comply with the Committee's requests, the Committee has reported all the information it has in its possession in an attempt to satisfy both the intent and the substance of 11 CFR 100.12, 11 CFR 104.3, and 11 CFR 104.7. In addition, the Committee can find no guidance in the statute or regulations that allow it to add to or subtract from information that is voluntarily provided to it from its contributors nor is there any indication in the statute or regulations that the descriptions referred to are inadequate listings for employer and/or occupation. Finally, the Committee notes that it will update its employer/occupation data as it is received from donors and makes every effort to secure the requested information from all available sources.

With regard to the inadequate name and/or employer/occupation data referenced in your letter, the committee is reporting the data as supplied by the donors. As outlined above, the Committee will continue to attempt to obtain the relevant donor information and will update the public record accordingly.

Sincerely,



Melodie Johnson  
Treasurer

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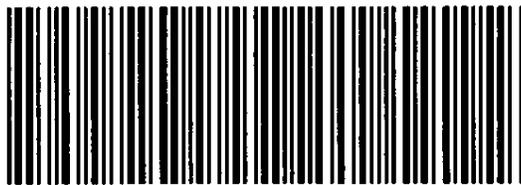
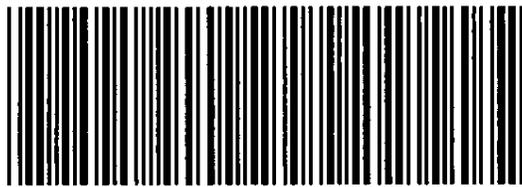
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