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RE: Rhode Island Political Action Committee, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Dodson:

I am writing on behalf of the Rhode Island Political Action Committee, Inc. (the "Committee") in response to questions raised by the Federal Election Commission (the "FEC") concerning information contained in the Committee's above-referenced reports. An itemization of the Committee's responses to the FEC's questions follows:

1. Administrative Expenses

The Committee's above-referenced reports each disclose significant payments for administrative expenses that were properly reported as operating expenditures of the Committee. All such payments to a person aggregating in excess of \$200 in a calendar year have been disclosed on the Committee's reports. Currently, the Committee does not have rented office space because it relies on an accounting firm that is paid a monthly fee to process contributions, pay bills, pay wages and payroll taxes, prepare FEC reports, and to handle other day-to-day operations of the Committee. The Committee's reports also disclose that it pays a law firm to review legal matters that arise from time to time, a fundraising consultant, and some part-time staff persons that help raise money for the Committee. In addition, individuals also volunteer their personal time to assist the Committee with various activities, including some administrative tasks.