



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 9, 2005

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P. James Nicholson, Treasurer
Maine Republican Party
76 Silver Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Response Due Date:
March 11, 2005

Identification Number: C00003111

Reference: Year End Report (11/23/04 - 12/31/04)

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

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 was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report. 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d) If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter (if not an electronic filer) to reflect this change.
- The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Amended 30 Day Post-General Report, received 1/25/05. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.
- Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash-on-hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year-to-date cash-on-hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page.
- Your report discloses a negative ending cash balance of \$111,689.48. This suggests that you have either overdrawn your account, made a mathematical error, or incurred a debt. If your committee has incurred a

debt or obligation, please show a zero balance on Line 8 of the Summary Page and reflect the amount and the nature of the debt on Schedule D and Line 10 or provide clarifying information. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(8)

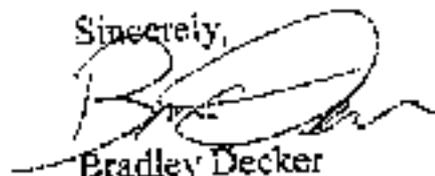
-Your Amended 12 Day Pre-General, Amended 30 Day Post-General and Year End reports disclose receipts totaling \$234,430 from the 2004 Joint State Victory Committee, which is a joint fundraising committee affiliated with your committee. Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraiser. The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. Please amend your report by providing the omitted memo schedule(s). 11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(i)(B)

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Disbursements for FEA payroll should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 30(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

Unlike previous election cycles, 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 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) 694-1301.

Sincerely,



Bradley Decker

Campaign Finance Analyst
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