

July 30, 2004

Mr. Christopher J. Morse  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E St., NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Morse:

This letter is in response to the RFAI dated June 30, 2004 regarding the April Monthly Report (3/1/04-3/31/04).

1. The Illinois Republican Party states on all of its solicitations that Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 per calendar year. For any individual that does not provide this information at the time of the contribution a letter is sent to them within 30 days of the contribution that exceeds an aggregate of \$200 in the calendar year. The letter that is sent clearly asks for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution, informs the contributor of the requirements of Federal law for the reporting of such information and allows them to respond via phone, fax, email or by using the pre-addressed envelope that we have provided. I have provided additional employer and occupation information for those individuals that we have received additional information for.
2. Schedule B supporting line 21(b) of the report discloses payments for "Direct Mail Services" and "Telemarketing Services" totaling \$53,202.46. Your letter indicated that the amount was \$35,858.50, but that was the amount from your previous letter asking for the same information for the March Monthly Report. The disbursements totaling \$49,120.74 do meet the definition of FEA under 11 CFR 100.24 and have been moved to Schedule B line 30(b). These disbursements do not however contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR 100.22. The disbursement in the amount of \$4,081.72 for "Direct Mail Services" was for Non-FEA fundraising expenses for the Party and because this expense does not meet the definition of FEA under 11 CFR 100.24, it is itemized on the proper line and no amendment is necessary. To clarify the nature of this expense the "purpose" has been expanded to include "Non-FEA".
3. Schedule H4 supporting line 21(a) of the report discloses payments for "Mailing Services", these disbursements were for Non-FEA generic mailing services and are reported properly. To further clarify the "purpose" for these disbursements "Non-FEA Generic" has been added. One disbursement in the amount of \$1,409.64 was reported on Schedule B line 21(b) in error. This disbursement has been moved to Schedule B line 30(b). The Non-federal portion of this disbursement is less than the portion for "Payroll Taxes" and "Health Insurance" that was reported on the Administrative split that has been changed to 100 percent Non-federal and therefore the amount transferred for the Non-federal portion of these Administrative expenses is less than what would have been acceptable for this period.
4. Schedule H4 supporting line 21(a) of the report disclosing payments for "Health Insurance" and "Employer Tax" has been adjusted so that the amount of these expenses that are attributable to employees of the Illinois Republican Party who spent more than 25 percent of their compensated time on FEA has been moved to Schedule B line 30(b). The amount of these payments that were attributable to employees who spent less than 25 percent of their compensated time on FEA has been adjusted to 100 percent non-federal on Schedule H4 supporting line 21(a).
5. Schedule H4 discloses a payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 for "Professional Consulting" to Jason Heffley. Mr. Heffley is no longer an employee of the Illinois Republican Party but does assist the Party in a consulting capacity. Mr. Heffley is paid a monthly consulting fee for his services the scope of which are not FEA. This payment is therefore reported properly and no amendment is necessary.

If you should require additional information regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 217/525-0011.