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OHIO REPUBLICAN PARTY C00162339
AUGUST 2004 MONTHLY REPORT (7/1-7/31/04)

In response to your audit letter dated 10-6-04 following are our responses to the issues you raised.

1) Line 23 of Schedule B regarding LaTourette for Congress. Our May 2004 monthly covering (4/1-4/30/04) report has been amended and forwarded to your office. In April we had mistakenly posted a disbursement to the campaign as a general election contribution when in fact it was a primary contribution. You have received an amended report that clears up this question.

2) Schedule A supporting Line 15. We are able to secur insurance for individuals related to campaigns through our policy. The candidates committee is then charged for the premium incurred. Line 15 represents the campaign paying for these premiums. They are being charged a fair market value as we bill them for the cost we incur.

3) We paid this disbursement in error. We will get a refund from the vendor and the campaign will pay for it themselves.

4) I have made the best possible desciptions for disbursements that FecFile affords me with space. In response to the ones you reflected in your letter they can not be clarified much more than they are. Hdqtrs operating fundraising-prospecting refers to costs incurred by the party to raise our own operating dollars by using an outside source to prospect for us. These funds create our home grown dollars. I think the descripton was pretty self explanatory. Office supplies are those supplies used in the normal course of business such as paper clips, staples, paper, tape, pens, pencils, etc. I indicated those office supplies which went to suppor the 72 hour effort but they are the same type of supplies, just the ordinary course of business supplies needed. I will further clarify the collateral campaign materials-exempt on my report.

5) Targeted county phone banks and every other spelling of the same refers to phone banks used in specific areas of our state to do GOTV efforts such as voter identification, and voter turnout. When they are used for a specific candidate that candidate pays us the calculated cost of thier use of the phone bank as you have seen reported on my federal reports when the Bush-Cheney campaign has used them.

6)Line 21(b) Schedule B. The disbursement in question was shown as an open accounts payable. FecFile does not allow debt payments to be posted to Line 30 (b). I have changed the disbursement to Line 29 which was the closest your program would allow me to get to line 30(b). This is a program problem. I should be able to correctly show campaign debt and also be able to pay that debt and reflect the correct line number to pay it to.

Sincerely,