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Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses contributions received after the Primary Election which are designated for the primary. These contributions may be accepted to the extent that the committee has net debts outstanding from the primary. (11 CFR §110.1(b)(3)(i))

A contribution is considered to be made when the contributor relinquishes control over the contribution. A contributor shall be considered to have relinquished control over the contribution when it is delivered to the candidate, when it is delivered to an authorized committee of the candidate, or to an agent of an authorized committee of the candidate. A contribution that is mailed to any of the aforementioned recipients will be considered to have been made on the date of the postmark. Envelopes should be retained for the committee's records. (11 CFR §110.1(b)(6))

If the contribution(s) accepted exceeds the amount of net debts outstanding from the primary election, you should refund the contribution(s) or seek redesignation of the contribution(s), in writing, from the contributor to the next election. The Commission should be notified if a refund is necessary. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period during which the