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Dear Mr. Deger:

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:

-Your committee has previously indicated that it has been using "best efforts" to obtain the occupations and names of employers for contributors. This report discloses a significant increase in the number of entries for which the occupations and/or employers are not provided. Please note that the committee must make, in addition to the original solicitation, at least one additional written or oral request for the information within 30 days of the receipt of the contribution. A written request may not include an additional solicitation or material on any other subject, other than thanking the contributor for the contribution and must include a pre-addressed post card or envelope for the contributor's response. An oral request must be documented in writing. (11 CFR §§104.3(a)(4)(i) and 104.7)

-You have received contributions from Shrewbury Common and Rita Limited, which are unincorporated partnerships. Generally, these types of contributions are attributed to each person based on their percentage of ownership of the firm. However, any other accepted formula may be used. Each person who has contributed in excess of \$200 since January 1 should be identified by name, address, occupation, name of employer, amount of contribution, and aggregate total on Schedule A. (11 CFR §110.1(e))