



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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**Response Due Date**  
**04/29/2014**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00559591

REFERENCE: STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Dear Treasurer:

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. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Your committee failed to designate a campaign depository on Line 9. Please be advised that each registered political committee must designate a campaign depository or depositories. The committee must maintain at least one checking account or transaction account at one of the depositories. Please amend your Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1) to disclose the committee's depository. (11 CFR § 102.2(a)(1)(vi) and 11 CFR §103.2)
2. Your Statement of Organization indicates in Line 5(d) that you are a national committee for the "Free Soil" Party. A national committee is defined as the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day to day operation of the political party at the national level, as determined by the Commission. (2 U.S.C. §431(14))

Please be advised that before using the contribution limits and/or statutes applicable for national parties, your committee must petition the Commission in the form of an advisory opinion to determine if it satisfies the criteria for national party status. (See Advisory Opinion 1995-16 on the FEC website at <http://www.fec.gov>)

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will

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be initiated. 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. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

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) 694-1133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Morse", written in a cursive style.

Christopher Morse  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division