



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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July 19, 2006

Timothy Q. Purdon, Treasurer
North Dakota Democratic-Nonpartisan
League Party
1902 E Divide Ave
Bismarck, ND 58501

**Response Due Date:
August 18, 2006**

Identification Number: C00013748

Reference: June Monthly Report (5/1/06-5/31/06)

Dear Mr. Purdon:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "payroll" and "Payroll Taxes". Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal and non-federal accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used. Further, the Commission concluded in Advisory Opinion 2003-11 that amounts spent for employee-specific "fringe benefits," consisting of health insurance, disability insurance, life insurance, retirement benefits and payroll taxes, fall into the category of compensated time.

Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for this payment is not permissible and must be returned. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this improper allocation activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses \$1,250 in payments for "General Political Consulting Fees" to individuals. Please clarify whether these individuals are employees of your committee. You are advised that

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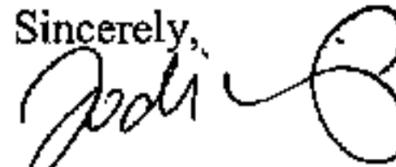
pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal, non-federal and Levin accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal or Levin account for salary and wage payments is not permissible and must be returned. Please provide clarification regarding these payments.

-Be advised that you have used an incorrect committee identification number for a contribution disclosed on Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c). Contributions from political action committees (i.e. separate segregated funds) should not disclose the identification numbers used to file Reports of Communication Costs (FEC FORM 7) by their connected organizations. Please file all future reports using correct identification numbers for contributions from other committees, where applicable, to avoid potential errors in entering these contributions onto the public record.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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) 694-1136.

Sincerely,



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