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Dear Mr. Oldaker:

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 H4 discloses a disbursement(s) which is categorized as a fundraising expense(s); however, a Schedule H2 has not been filed to disclose the allocation ratio. All committees are required to allocate the direct costs of each fundraising event in which the committee collects both federal and non-federal funds. The costs are allocated according to the funds received ratio and reported on Schedule H2. 11 CFR §§106.5(f) and 106.6(d). Please file a Schedule H2 to disclose the ratio for the fundraising event(s).

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses payments to credit card companies. Schedule H4 also discloses expenditures which include the word "MEMO" prior to the purpose of these entries. It appears as though these disbursements, denoted with the word "MEMO" prior to the purpose, disclose the individual vendors for the bulk credit card payments. However, these "MEMO" disbursements, plus the actual disbursements to the credit card companies, are included in the totals for Lines 21(a)(i) and 21(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page. This appears to have resulted in the double reporting of the same expenditures. Furthermore, Schedule H4 includes negative entries to offset the above mentioned double reporting. "MEMO" entries <u>should not</u> be included in their respective schedule/line totals. Please amend your report by <u>not</u> adding the "MEMO" entries into the totals