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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

January 22, 2009

Darrell Crate, Treasurer Romney for President, Inc. 80 Hayden Avenue Lexington, MA 02421 Response Due Date: February 23, 2009

Identification Number: C00431171

Reference: December Monthly Report (11/1/08 - 11/30/08)

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 item:

- Schedule C-P of your report discloses loans from the candidate where the aggregate amount outstanding in excess of 250,000.00 was not repaid within twenty (20) days after the official nomination of the Republican Party's candidate for U.S. President on 9/4/08.

Outstanding loan amounts from the personal funds of the candidate aggregating in excess of \$250,000.00 and designated to the primary election must be repaid within twenty (20) days after the official nomination of the Republican Party's candidate for U.S. President. If loans are not repaid by the twenty (20) day deadline, the committee must treat the portion of the aggregate outstanding balance that exceeds \$250,000.00 as a contribution from the candidate, which cannot be repaid. (11 CFR § 116.11)

If any of the apparent loans in question were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. Otherwise, you must amend your report to show the outstanding balance of candidate loans for the primary election exceeding \$250,000.00 as a contribution from the candidate.

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 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.

<u>Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and</u> 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) 694-1395.

Sincerely,

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