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Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/01-6/30/01)

Dear Mr. Bray:

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:

-Please provide a Schedule A to support the total amount reported on Line 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. All committees which make contributions to your committee must be itemized on Schedule A, regardless of the amount contributed. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(ii))

-Your report indicates the use of calendar year-to-date figures when aggregating and reporting receipts and disbursements. Please be reminded that candidate committees are required to aggregate and report their receipts and disbursements on an election-cycle basis rather than on a calendar-year basis. Beginning with your next report, please ensure that election cycle-to-date figures are used when reporting aggregate amounts. (2 U.S.C. §434(b))

-Contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees must be itemized if the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in a calendar year. This means that the committee does not have a reporting requirement of a contribution until the aggregate total exceeds the \$200 threshold. (2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)) Should a committee wish to disclose contributions that do not require itemization, it must do so on a separate Schedule A and report the total amount of unitemized contributions on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page information. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i))

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed electronically with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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