



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 16, 2005

Carol Beatty, Treasurer
American Academy of Ophthalmology Inc.
Political Committee ("OPHTHPAC")
655 Beach Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Response Due Date:
April 15, 2005

Identification Number: C00196246

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/14/04 – 11/22/04)

Dear Ms. Beatty:

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:

-The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date of payment, the amount of payment, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend Schedule E by providing the name and office sought, state and district of the federal candidate. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)

-Schedule E, supporting Line 24 of your report, discloses an independent expenditure on behalf of Melissa Brown which appears to have been distributed or publicly disseminated after the general election date. Please be advised that if the communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the independent expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule E when the communication is publicly disseminated and on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR 104.11. When the payment for the independent expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule E and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable.

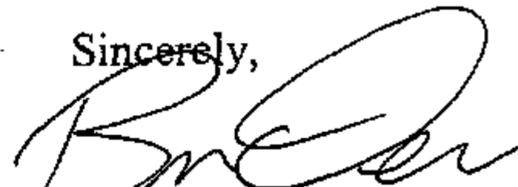
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Please amend your report to provide further clarifying information regarding the independent expenditures disclosed after the general election dates.

Unlike previous election cycles, 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) 694-1301.

Sincerely,



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