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Dear Sirs:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding the 1999 Mid Year Report of the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee (C-00078196). I would like to explain how we reported various in-kind contributions to our committee.

Several bills were paid by our former State Party Chairman for expenses occurred under his chairmanship that had been listed on Schedule D. On our Schedule A we recorded the amount of the federal share of the in-kind contribution (see line G of Schedule A) as a contribution to our committee. To offset the in-kind contribution we reported the federal share of the expenses on our Schedule B.

In order to show that the bills are no longer owed by the Committee, we showed the Schedule B payments on our Schedule D and also, to bring the accounts payable of those bills to zero, we reduced the Schedule D amounts by the State share of the expenses and noted on the Schedule D that these were the State Account's share of the overall in-kind contribution. We of course used the ratio as shown by our Schedule H1 to determine the amount of the State and Federal shares of the overall in-kind contribution.

By reporting the in-kind contributions in the manner in which we did, we were able to show the amount of the Federal in-kind contribution, the amount of the State in-kind contribution, the exact bills which were paid and no longer exist as accounts payable, and also since the payments went directly to the vendors we are not over or under reporting our actual ending cash balance.

If you need any further information, you may call us at (401) 453-4100 and ask for Richard Scarpellino. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


Margaret C. Coughlin
Treasurer

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