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**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00505784** 

Response Due Date 04/13/2012

REFERENCE: AMENDED STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, RECEIVED 01/03/2012

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 2 item(s):

- 1. Your committee's name includes the name of a candidate; however, your committee does not appear to be an authorized committee of that candidate. If your committee is authorized by a candidate, please amend your Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1) and choose the correct "Type of Committee." Otherwise, you must amend your Statement of Organization to change the name of your political committee so that it does not include the candidate's name and/or provide further clarification regarding the nature of your committee. (2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(4) and 11 CFR § 102.14)
- 2. In accordance with 11 CFR §102.14(c), "The name of a separate segregated fund...shall include the <u>full name</u> of its connected organization. Such fund may also use a clearly recognized abbreviation or acronym by which the connected organization is commonly known". The Statement of Organization filed by your committee indicates that the name of your connected organization is "African Federalist Movement", however, the name of your separate segregated fund is "Africa for Obama (AFO)". Please amend your Statement of Organization to clarify this discrepancy and comply with 11 CFR §102.14(c).

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

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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.

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) 694-1141.

Sincerely,

Daniel Buckley

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