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Dear Christopher:

I acknowledge receipt of your April 4, 2008 correspondence and my answers to your three questions and comments are as follows:

- 1. All expenditures made for 'Fundraiser', 'Catering', 'Invites', 'Speaker & Microphone' and 'Rental' on Schedule B relate to fundraisers for the benefit of the Illinois Tenth Congressional District Democrats. Accordingly, these expenditures were not made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates.
- 2. With respect to expenditures disclosed on Schedule B for 'Advertisement', 'In-Kind Video/Editing for Raffle' and 'Postage', by way of explanation, as to the 'Advertisement' at issue, this pertains to a contribution to an advertisement book for a charitable organization, this being for the Illinois Tenth Congressional District Democrats and not relating to a specifically identified federal candidate. The 'In-kind Video/Editing for Raffle' is for a raffle prize contribution which was then won by an event attendee, for personal family video editing. The 'Postage' relates to fundraisers conducted for the benefit of the Illinois Tenth Congressional District Democrats, and corresponding thank you letters to contributors.

Therefore, expenditures disclosed on Schedule B for 'Advertisement', 'In-Kind Video/Editing for Raffle' and 'Postage' were not associated with or related to voter drives, including voter identification, voter registration, and get-out-the-vote drives, in which the printed materials or scripted messages refer to, or the written instructions direct the separate segregated fund's or nonconnected committee's employee or volunteer to refer to: (A) One or more clearly identified Federal candidates, but do not refer to any clearly identified non-Federal candidates; or (B) One or more clearly identified Federal candidates and also refer to candidates of a particular party or associated with a particular issue, but do not refer to any clearly identified non-Federal Candidates, and as such, these expenditures did not relate to voter drive activity within the meaning of 11 CFR 106.6(b)(2)(i). Moreoever, the expenditures disclosed on Schedule B for 'Advertisement', 'In-Kind Video/Editing for Raffle' and 'Postage' were not associated with or related to express advocacy within the meaning of 11 CFR 100.22 made in connection with voter drive activity as defined above.

Neither the 'Advertisement' nor the 'Postage' related to or pertained to express advocacy within the meaning of 11 CFR 100.22 as neither expenditure pertained to or related to the election or defeat of any clearly identified candidate in any manner, and therefore, neither expenditure related to or pertained to a public communication within the meaning of 11 CFR 100.26 containing express advocacy.

With respect to expenditures disclosed on Schedule B for 'Advertisement', 'In-Kind Video/Editing for Raffle' and 'Postage', these expenditures, in addition to not pertaining to or relating to express advocacy in connection with public communications or voter drive activity as noted above, also do not pertain to or relate to a Federal candidate, clearly identified or otherwise.

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3. With respect to administrative expenses, be advised that we do not have a fixed office, so we do not pay rent or utilities expenses. We meet in living rooms, libraries, and many other locations across Illinois's Tenth Congressional District. We do not have salaried or contract employees. No administrative expenses are paid by a connected organization. There are no expenses incurred but not paid in the reporting period. There are administrative expenses, including but not limited to consulting / consultant services, research and administrative services, telephone (not relating to a fixed office),