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September 29, 2000

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Mr. Edward D. Ryan
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

**RE: Ashland Inc. Political Action Committee
for Employees (PACE), No. C00075994**

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Please accept this as a reply to your letters of July 12, 2000 and September 20, 2000 regarding purported reporting deficiencies in the April, May, June and July 2000 Monthly Reports for PACE, identification number C00075994, copies of which are enclosed. As requested, we have made the recommended change and all future reports filed by PACE will indicate "U.S. House" instead of "U.S. Congress" on Schedule B.

I was informed that in a telephone conversation on September 25, 2000 with John Gibson, the Chief of Staff, it is not necessary for PACE to amend its April, May, June and July 2000 Monthly Reports. Moreover, it will not be necessary for PACE to amend its August and September 2000 Monthly Reports which indicate "U.S. Congress" for contributions to House candidates. We have made a change to our computer program and the October Monthly Report and all future reports will reflect "U.S. House" for contributions to House candidates.

I trust you will find this reply sufficient. If you have any questions, please call me at (859) 815-4785.

Very truly yours,

Mary Ellen Hardy
Senior Legal Assistant

Enclosures



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Rebecca L. Hanshaw, Treasurer
Ashland Inc. Political Action Committee
for Employees (PACE)
P.O. Box 391
Ashland, KY 41114

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Identification Number: C00075994

Reference: April Monthly (3/1/00-3/31/00) and May Monthly (4/1/00-4/30/00) Reports

Dear Ms. Hanshaw:

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 amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office sought (i.e. House (H), Senate (S), or President) for each contribution made.
11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact us 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,

Edward D. Ryan
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division



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Rebecca L. Mackley, Treasurer
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Identification Number: C00075994

Reference: June Monthly (5/1/00-5/31/00) and July Monthly (6/1/00-6/30/00) Reports

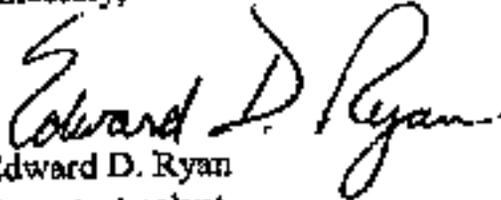
Dear Ms. Mackley:

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