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Response Due Date 03/31/2016

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00493684** 

REFERENCE: DEBT SETTLEMENT PLAN, RECEIVED 2/22/2016

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's review of your Debt Settlement Plan (DSP). In order to complete our review, the following information is needed:

-The total amount of debts owed by the committee on Line 6, Part I of the DSP does not equal the total amount of outstanding debts disclosed on your last report, the 2015 Year-End Report. Please amend your report or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

-On Line 7 for Part I you indicate there are five (5) creditors owed; however, your 2015 Year-End Report discloses six (6) creditors as being owed. Please amend your report or DSP to clarify this discrepancy.

-On Line 9 for Part I you indicate that \$18,656.18 is owed to the creditors in Part II of the DSP; however, Part II itemizes \$27,498.53 as being owed.

-On Line 10 for Part I you indicate that \$6,514.52 as the amount to be paid to the creditors; however, it appears that your committee does not have the cash on hand to pay this amount. Please clarify this discrepancy.

-When filling out Part II of your DSP, you used the totals which do not equal the outstanding debts disclosed on your last report, the 2015 Year-End Report. It also appears that you used prior payments to these creditors as the amount offered in settlement. When filling out Part II of the DSP, you should list the current debt owed to each creditor as of the last report, and the actual amount offered for settlement, not recent payments or the total already paid. Please amend your report or DSP to clarify the amounts to be paid.

-Please provide a explanation of the terms of the initial extension of credit by the creditor(s) included in Part II (i.e. specific terms of original contract, any amended

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contracts and/or terms, payment plans, etc.) and the nature of the debt(s) owed to the creditor(s).

-Please provide the information requested in Part II, Section B, on the efforts taken by the committee to pay the debt(s) owed to the creditor(s).

-Please provide the treasurer's signature in Part I of the DSP.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. If the information is not provided, the processing of the DSP will be discontinued. You are reminded that until the Commission is able to complete its review, all debts including the debts involved in the DSP must be continuously reported. (11 CFR § 104.11)

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) 694-1146.

Sincerely,

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