



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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**Response Due Date:
August 28, 2006**

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Reference: June Monthly Report (5/1/06-5/31/06)

Dear Mr. Combs:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The totals listed on Lines 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii), Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. When an individual's aggregate exceeds the \$200 threshold, the amount should not be deducted from the Column B figure for Line 11(a)(ii). Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule B supporting Line 29 discloses \$5,532.50 in transfers to what appears to be a non-federal account of your committee. Please provide further clarification regarding this transfer(s) to your non-federal account.

You are advised that 11 CFR §102.5 prohibits a non-federal account from financing activity in connection with federal elections. If any of these disbursements were made to influence the election or defeat of specific federal candidates, the disbursements should be allocated accordingly and disclosed as either in-kind contributions on Schedule B supporting Line 23, independent expenditures on Schedule E supporting Line 24, or as

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coordinated expenditures on Schedule F supporting Line 25. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3) and 106.1 In addition, if your non-federal account has paid any expenditures which should have been allocated, you are advised to correct any non-compliance with 11 CFR §§106.6 and 106.7 and establish procedures to insure future compliance with allocation regulations.

-Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses payments from Names in the News. It appears these receipts were for goods and/or services provided by your committee. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 1979-18, the sale/purchase price paid to a political committee could involve the receipt of a contribution from a purchaser if the purchase price exceeds the "usual and normal charge". The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution. Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, advertising services, membership lists, and mailing lists. 11 CFR §100.52(d)(1) and (2)

Please clarify the nature of these receipts and whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the apparent goods and/or services you provided and explain the steps your committee took in determining the amount charged. If your committee provided goods and/or services at more than the usual and normal charge, the difference between the two is considered to be an in-kind contribution received by your committee from a corporation and is prohibited subject to the limits set forth at 2 U.S.C. §441b(a)

-Be advised that you have used incorrect committee identification numbers for contributions disclosed on Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c). Contributions from political action committees (i.e. separate segregated funds) should not disclose the identification numbers used to file Reports of Communication Costs (FEC FORM 7) by their connected organizations. Please file all future reports using correct identification numbers for contributions from other committees, where applicable, to avoid potential errors in entering these contributions onto the public record.

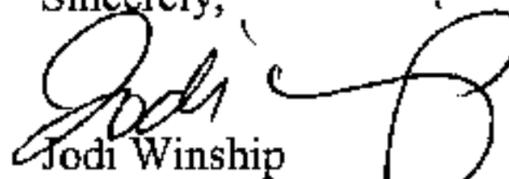
-You have previously indicated that your committee has been using "best efforts" to obtain the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each contributor. However, an increasing number of entries lack this information. Please amend your report by supplying the omitted information or providing an explanation of your efforts in this regard. 11 CFR §§104.3(a)(4)(i) and 104.7

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Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an 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.

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) 694-1136.

Sincerely,



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