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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee
120 Maryland Avenue Ne
Washington, DC 20002

Response Due Date:
June 29, 2009

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Reference: September Monthly Report (8/1/08-8/31/08)

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 items:

1. Schedule B of your report discloses a \$25,000 contribution to "Democratic National Committee"; however, a review of the reports filed by this committee does not disclose receipt of this contribution from your committee. Please verify the identity of the recipient committee and provide additional clarifying information.
2. Schedule E discloses independent expenditures opposing federal candidates in the Mississippi and North Carolina Senate elections. Schedule F of this report discloses coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates running in the same races. Under 2 U.S.C. §431(17), an "independent expenditure" is defined as:

... an expenditure by a person expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate; and that is not made in concert or cooperation with or at the request or suggestion of such candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or their agents, or a political party committee or its agents.

Further, 11 CFR §109.21 outlines the factors which define a coordinated communication. Please verify that the independent expenditures made by your Committee in opposition of Roger Wicker and Ronnie Musgrave meet

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the definition of and were properly categorized as independent expenditures. If necessary, amend your reports to disclose the aforementioned transactions as in-kind contributions (Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page) or coordinated expenditures (Schedule F supporting Line 25 of the Detailed Summary Page).

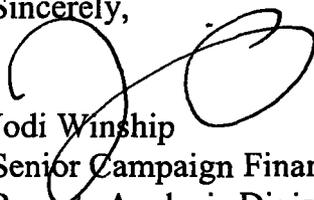
If the reclassification of these expenditures as in-kind contributions results in excessive contributions, the Commission recommends that you notify the candidate(s) and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$39,900 per campaign. If the reclassification of these expenditures as coordinated expenditures results in your committee exceeding the limitations under 2 U.S.C. §441a(d), the Commission recommends that you notify the candidate(s) and request a refund of the amount in excess of the expenditure limitation.

Please inform the Commission of any corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your refund request(s) sent to the candidate(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

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 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) 694-1136.

Sincerely,


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