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Response Due Date 05/23/2018

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00571398

REFERENCE: AMENDED MID-YEAR REPORT (01/01/2017 - 06/30/2017), RECEIVED 01/29/2018

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report 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 enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following <u>3</u> item(s):

1. Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "2016 Donation Reimbursment." "2016 Donation Reimbursment." Cash "Reimbursement for Feb Office Rent," "Reimbursement for March Office Rent," "Reimbursement for April Office rent," "Reimbursement for May Office Rent," "Reimbursement Office Rent." "Reimbusement June Phone bills," "Reimbusement Office Rent," and "Reimbursement Campaign Expenses for volunteers - food, water, gas." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in a calendar year, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule B, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3)(i) and 104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3

2. Schedule B discloses reimbursements to individuals for "Hotel for Canvasers Reimbursment - Georgia Campaign" and "Reimbursement Travel Expenses - Georgia." When the reimbursement amount to individuals for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by individuals to any one vendor that make up the reimbursement may have to be itemized. For example, if the related payments to any one vendor aggregate in excess of \$200 for the

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calendar year, the individual advance payment to the vendor must also be itemized in a memo entry for that reimbursement. Each memo entry must include the complete name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and detailed purpose of the advance. If itemization is not necessary for a particular reimbursement to staff in excess of \$500, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. Please amend your report to include the missing or clarifying information. See Advisory Opinion 1996-20 for additional clarification. (11 CFR § 104.9)

3. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Consultant Fee." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(3)(i).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register can be found at https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/purposes-disbursement

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.

<u>Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports)</u> 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. For additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. 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) 694-1393. Image# 201804180300003730

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Sincerely,

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