



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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Mexico  
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**Response Due Date:  
February 11, 2011**

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Reference: October Monthly Report (9/1/10 – 9/30/10)

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 4 items:

1. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B and H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "CRS - August" and "Political Consulting." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).
2. Schedule H4 of your report discloses \$5,236 in payments for "Political Consulting" to individuals. Please clarify whether these individuals are employees of your committee. If they are employees, please clarify whether this activity is for employees who spent 25% or less of their time during the month(s) referenced above on Federal election activity (FEA) or activities in connection with a Federal election. You are advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on FEA or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal, non-federal and Levin accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used.

Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal or Levin account for salary and wage payments for employees who spent more than 25% of

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their compensated time in a given month on FEA is not permissible and must be returned. Please provide clarification regarding these payments.

3. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Insurance." Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity (FEA) or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal and non-federal accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used. Further, the Commission concluded in Advisory Opinion 2003-11 that amounts spent for employee-specific "fringe benefits," consisting of health insurance, disability insurance, life insurance, retirement benefits and payroll taxes, fall into the category of compensated time.

Please clarify whether this activity is for employees who spent 25% or less of their time during the month(s) referenced above on FEA or activities in connection with a Federal election. If this is not the case, any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for this payment is not permissible and must be returned. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding any improper allocation activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

4. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) L-B of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Admin Tsf." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Voter Lists" which appears to be disclosed on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Please be advised that Voter Identification, Generic Campaign and Get-out-the-vote activity conducted in connection with an election in which one or more candidates for Federal office appear on the ballot is considered to be Federal Election Activity. 11 CFR §100.24 Please amend your report to properly disclose this activity on Line 30(b) or provide clarification regarding this activity.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses payments for "941 Taxes-FEA Employees." Please be advised that payments for salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25 percent of their compensated time in a given month on Federal Election Activity or activities in connection with a Federal election should be properly disclosed

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on Schedule B for Line 30(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please amend your report to properly disclose this activity.

**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) 694-1159.

Sincerely,



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