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Ms. Andrea Smith, Treasurer
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P.O. Box 36900
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Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule D discloses that the debt(s) owed to Gary E. Hellmer apparently has been settled. Please note that Commission regulations (11 CFR Part 116) control the settlement of debts between political committees and their creditors. You should be aware that only terminating committees are permitted to settle debts. However, ongoing committees may request a determination from the Commission that a debt is not payable. 11 CFR §116.2(b)

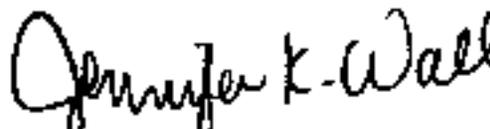
If your committee is terminating, you must complete the enclosed Debt Settlement Plan (FEC FORM 8).

If your committee is ongoing, you may submit a request to the Commission which explains the circumstances, in detail, surrounding a debt(s) which you consider as not payable.

In either case, you must continue to report the debt(s) until you have been notified of the Commission's approval of your debt settlement plan or request. 11 CFR §104.11

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer K. Wall".

Jennifer K. Wall
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