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Response Due Date

06/30/2016

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00350421

REFERENCE: APRIL QUARTERLY REPORT (01/01/2016 - 03/31/2016)

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 an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. The beginning cash balance of this report does not equal the ending balance of your Year End Report (10/1/15-12/31/15). Please correct this discrepancy and amend all subsequent report(s) that may be affected by the correction. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(1)))
2. Line 6(a) of the Summary Page represents the total cash-on-hand as of January 1, 2016. Line 6(b) represents the cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting period. These two figures should be the same for the first report of the year. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b)(1) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(1)) and 11 CFR §104.3(a)(1))
3. Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash on hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year to date cash on hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
4. Your report discloses a negative ending cash balance of \$4,355.01. This suggests that you have overdrawn your account, made a mathematical error, or incurred a debt. If your committee has incurred a debt or obligation, please itemize this debt on Schedule D, show a zero balance on Line 8 of the Summary Page and include the amount on Line 10. Please file an amendment

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to your report to accurately disclose your financial activities. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b)(8) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(8)) and 11 CFR § 104.3(d))

- Your report discloses certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, contributions to federal candidates should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) B, supporting Line(s) 23 of the Detailed Summary Page, while contributions to non-federal candidates/committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) B, supporting Line(s) 29. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C §434(b)) and FORM 3X Instructions)

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) 694-1133.

Sincerely,



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