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Dear Mr. Neal:

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:

-Contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees must be itemized if the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in a calendar year. This means that the committee does not have a reporting requirement of a contribution until the aggregate total exceeds the \$200 threshold. (2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)) Should a committee wish to disclose contributions that do not require itemization, it must do so on a separate Schedule A and report the total amount of unitemized contributions on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i))

-Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are "dinner expense", "media", "salary", "polling", "travel", "party fees", "phone banks", "travel expenses", "travel expense reimbursement" and "catering costs". Examples of election day and voter registration activity include "exit polling", "door-to-door get out the vote", "get out the vote phone calls" and "driving voters to the polls". Unacceptable descriptions, which require additional clarification, include but are not limited to "advance", "consulting"! "commission", "contract labor", "election day expense", "expenses", "other expenses", "expense reimbursement", "miscellaneous", "outside services", "get-out-the-vote" and "voter registration". (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)) Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions which do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely, Stephen In Morfeld

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