



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Drew Smith, Treasurer
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1300 West Capitol Avenue
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Response Due Date:
April 9, 2007

Identification Number: C00024372

Reference: Amended 30-Day Post-General Report (10/19/06-11/27/06), received
3/4/07

Dear Mr. Smith:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 15, 17, 18(b), 18(c), 19, 20, 30(a)(i), 30(a)(ii) and 30(c), Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Polling". Please be advised that 11 CFR §100.24(b) defines as Federal Election Activity ("FEA"), Voter identification, Generic Campaign and Get-out-the vote activities conducted in connection with an election in which one or more candidates for Federal office appear on the ballot. Furthermore, the costs for these types of Federal Election Activity must either be paid with federal funds or can be allocated between federal and Levin funds as long as the activity conducted does not refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office. It appears that **the disclosed activity may be a payment for Voter Identification conducted within the Federal Election Activity timeframe** and that you have allocated these costs between federal and non-federal funds. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal

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account for Federal Election Activity costs is not permissible and must be returned. 11 CFR §§300.32 and 300.33

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately or provide clarifying information regarding this activity. If this activity does in fact meet the definition of FEA, please clarify the date(s) the activity actually occurred. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this apparent prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-On Schedule H6, your allocated activity or event year-to-date total calculations for the GOTV category(s) are incorrect. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for this activity should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category to the previous event year-to-date total for that category. This running event year-to-date total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct event year-to-date totals.

-Schedule H6 supporting Line 30(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Voter ID Canvassing" which is categorized as GOTV activity; however, it appears that this activity should be categorized as Voter ID. Please be advised that 11 CFR §100.24(a)(4) defines voter identification activity as creating or enhancing voter lists by verifying or adding information about the voters' likelihood of voting in an upcoming election or their likelihood of voting for specific candidates. Please amend your report to clarify the appropriate category for this activity or provide clarifying information regarding this apparent discrepancy.

-The totals listed on Lines 4(b), 4(c) and 4(d), Column B of the Schedule L Aggregation Page for the "DPA Levin Fund" account appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Column B Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Column A Total This Period" figure to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

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-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Schedule L Aggregation Page. Transfers to the federal account for the non-federal share of allocable operating expenditures should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule L-B, supporting Line 5 of the Schedule L Aggregation Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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) 694-1177.

Sincerely,



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