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To whom this may concern

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Re: Letter dated August 27, 2010

In response to the letter dated August 27, 2010 from the F.E.C. Once I had received this letter I called and spoke to Alan Norfleet and was able to receive a better understanding of the issues. Alan gave me guidance and instruction so that I can refine my processing of the data and the transmission process.

Here is the response to the questions asked.

Question 1. Regarding disclosure of data for all donors who donate \$ 200.00 or more.

I have a strong system in place which includes a letter requesting missing data from the donor. The letter does not ask for additional donations, but stays on issue only requesting the missing data. The letter is clear, concise and conspicuous. If I receive nothing back from the donor or the response is lacking, I send an additional letter with stronger language demanding the information. Once again there is no solicitation on the letter; furthermore, I place a phone call to the donor to remind them to answer the letter. Finally, if there is no response, I have little choice but to amend the data file in the last filing period with an explanation and then I can show my efforts are exhausted and I have done my best.

However, the last filing, I felt very confident that everything was within compliance because I had collected all the necessary data. The problem developed when I went to transmit. A field opened up and asked me if I wanted to merger the data? Not fully understanding the ramifications I said yes. Why not? Maybe someone had left their apartment number off the previous entry or possibly used a middle initial on one of the donations. Once the transmission process was done I had no way of reviewing the thousands of donations.

For example: What I didn't understand was, what if there was a Jr. and a Sr. in the same household, a Mr. and a Mrs.? If each one gave \$ 100.00 each. When the computer merged the names the total hit the threshold of \$ 200.00 thereby creating a missing data issue.

Had I known by saying yes to the merge more than one person's data could be merged to another and that would lead to a combined total over \$ 200.00 and thereby a missing data problem would be created, of course I would have never selected 'merge file'.

I have searched for training videos on tips and suggestions on how to transmit to the FEC and found nothing. I have searched the internet for answers and received nothing. Alan Norfleet is a great help, but he is not a mind reader. Furthermore, he should not have to 'baby sit' each and every filer when all the FEC should have done is create a downloadable training course or a YouTube style presentation. Is the FEC training seminars video taped for newbie's to study and learn? I think not.

The downloadable manual answers basic questions, but is not adoptable for situational issues. Not that I have found myself not in compliance, the FEC office burdened with more work and your staff is frustrated, I have learned file merge

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can create a mess.

I believe this problem has been solved and will not be repeated.

Question 2. Line 23 issue was an over sight. After speaking with Alan I understand about the 48 hour notice and the candidate identified. That problem has been corrected on several levels.

First of all the corrected line 23 to line 24 and the amended 48 hour notice is being corrected with the guidance of your Senior Campaign Finance Analyst.

Secondly, I will not be candidate specific again, only issue driven, thereby avoiding filing compliance problems. With an 'issue only' mission I can avoid the reporting nightmare I have found myself in and yet have a powerful impact of the political landscape being only issue driven. Therefore this 48 hour notice and proper reporting is self-correcting.

Please feel free to contact me in the event I have overlooked or not properly clarified my response.

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