



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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April 27, 2005

Pakkiri Rajagopal, Treasurer
Republican Finance Committee
of Hamilton County
700 Walnut Street, Suite 309
Cincinnati, OH 45202

**Response Due Date:
May 27, 2005**

Identification Number: C00222000

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/04 – 9/30/04)

Dear Treasurer:

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:

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses payments totaling \$5,604.65 for "Postage for Fundraising Mailing" and "Printing, Coordinating for Mailing." Expenditures and disbursements for public communications (as defined under 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

Further, public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate, rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please amend your report to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment for "Credit Card Expense: Campaign Material" which appears to meet the

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