FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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July 12, 2001

Sarah Brown, Treasurer
Ohio State Republican Party
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Identification Number: C00162339

Reference: Amended October Quarterly Report (7/1/00-9/30/00), dated 5/3/01 and Year End Report (11/28/00-12/31/00)

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is to inform you that as of July 11, 2001 the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated June 20, 2001. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by August 1, 2001. 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.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Thomas Maxwell on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
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Enclosures

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Dear Ms. Brown:

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:

-The total listed on Line 11(a)(i), Column B of the Detailed Summary Page appears 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 total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule D discloses $196,255.57 in payment(s) this period to Strategic Telecommunications; however, there are $155,556.16 in payments reflected on your disbursement schedules. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the Republican National Committee. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) reflects payments for exempt activities. Please be advised that a state or local party committee may pay for campaign materials (such as bumper stickers) that are distributed by volunteers in connection with activity on behalf of the party's nominees in a general election. Payments for this type of activity are exempt from the definition of a contribution or expenditure if certain conditions are met. The conditions are that no public advertising may be used, including distribution by direct mail (mailings by a commercial

vendor or from commercial lists); all funds used for the activity must be permitted under the Act; none of the funds used may have been designated for a particular candidate; and finally, payments for the activity may not be made from transfers-in from the national committee to specifically fund the activity. For further guidance, please refer to 11 CFR §100.7(b)(15) and (17) and to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees.

Please clarify the nature of the transfer(s)-in and subsequent payments for the aforementioned disbursement(s). If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, that amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate

-Payments made to credit card companies must identify the original vendors from which you have purchased an item or service if your payments to these vendors have exceeded $200 this year. Please amend your report by providing the mailing address, date, amount and purpose of such payments as required by 11 CFR §104.9(b).

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year <u>within a specific event</u>. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. 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.

-The loan schedule (Schedule C) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the person making or receiving the loan, original amount, cumulative payment, outstanding balance, date incurred, date due, and interest rate for all loans that your committee has received. Please amend Schedule C by providing the mailing address of the committee making the loan. 11 CFR §§104.3(d) and 104.11(a)

-Schedule D of your report has failed to include certain information. Commission Regulations require the full name and mailing address of each

creditor, the outstanding balance at the beginning and end of the reporting period, the amount incurred during the period, the payment made during the period, and the nature or purpose of each debt. Additionally, all debts must be reported continuously until extinguished or settled. Please amend your report by providing the mailing address of each creditor. 11 CFR §104.11

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Returned and/or voided checks should be reported under the appropriate category of disbursements as negative entries. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

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,

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