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Response Due Date
05/12/2011

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00167015

REFERENCE: AMENDED OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT (09/01/2010 - 09/30/2010),
RECEIVED 01/27/2011

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. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Schedule H5 of your report discloses a transfer(s)-in from a non-federal or Levin account(s) for the Voter ID category(s) which appears to exceed the permissible amount(s) indicated by your allocation ratio for this activity/event. Please be advised that transfers for allocated Federal Election Activity must not exceed the Levin share of the allocated disbursements and that these transfers must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before and no more than 60 days after payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §300.33(d)(2) Please clarify the nature of this transfer(s)-in from the non-federal or Levin account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account back to your non-federal or Levin account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule H6 supporting Line 30(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Absentee Ballot Application-Gianulious,Seals,Foster,Hare,Halverson." Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(1), expenditures for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any such candidate for Federal office must not be allocated between or among federal, non-federal and Levin accounts. Only federal funds may be

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used.

Further, expenditures and disbursements for public communications 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). However, 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 clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

If this activity was categorized incorrectly, the Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the funds received by your federal account for this activity back to the non-federal or Levin account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

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

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) 694-1147.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Benitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maureen Benitz
Senior Campaign Finance and Reviewing Analyst
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