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Federal Election Commission
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Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/14/04-11/22/04) for Friends of Roy Blunt Committee (FEC ID# C00304756)

Dear Ms. Kelly:

The Friends of Roy Blunt committee ("the Committee") is in receipt of your letter dated January 18, 2005, with respect to the 30 Day Post-General Report. Please accept this letter as the Committee's response to the FEC's Request For Additional Information.

The contributions disclosed on the Committee's Post-General report are complete and accurate. For four of the five "last minute" contributions listed in your letter, the Committee has previously explained in a letter to the FEC dated January 5th, 2005, that it discovered the omission of these contributions during an internal audit. Upon discovering this omission, the Committee immediately filed the 48-hour notices for these contributions and informed the FEC of the oversight. For the final contribution listed in your letter, the contribution was also inadvertently not entered at the time of receipt into the FEC software that was used for preparing the 48-hour notices, but was discovered and correctly disclosed on Post-General report.

Since the General election, the Committee has reviewed its procedures for receiving and reporting all contributions. As a result, the Committee has reorganized to improve its reporting procedures, changed the Committee personnel responsible for FEC reporting, and invested additional resources in the Committee's compliance function(s). Additionally, the Committee has implemented procedures to double check and timely report all contributions received during the 48-hour notice periods.

Please note as well that these contributions do not appear to have affected the election outcome, as the cash on hand maintained by the committee far exceeded the amount of the contributions at issue in the Request For Additional Information.

Please know that the Committee takes great care to ensure that all reporting requirements are met. Once this omission was discovered, steps were taken immediately not only to correct this error to the FEC, but also to change personnel and procedures in order to guard against future errors. In that regard, we are sending our Political Director, Mr. Miles Ross, to the FEC conference next month as a further safeguard to insure proper procedures and reporting by the Committee.

If further information is needed, please contact Jeff Shore at 417-887-0565.

Thank you.

Sincerely,