



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20463

August 25, 2004

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Richard P. Casey, Treasurer  
Huntington Democratic Federal Committee  
44 Elm Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

Response Due Date:  
September 24, 2004

Identification Number: C00404665

Reference: Statement of Organization, dated 08/06/04

Dear Mr. Casey:

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:

-Your committee has checked Line 5(d) which indicates you are a party committee. However, on Line 6 you indicate that "Huntington Democratic Committee" is your "connected organization". Please amend your Statement of Organization to clarify this discrepancy.

Please be advised that a connected organization is any organization which 1) is not a political committee and 2) directly or indirectly establishes, administers, or financially supports a political committee. This type of organization includes a corporation, corporation without capital stock, labor organization, membership organization, a cooperative, or a trade association. For further guidance on the question of connected organizations, please refer to 11 CFR §100.6.

If your committee is responsible for the day-to-day operation of a political party, then you should not have listed an apparent connected organization on Line 6. If your committee does in fact have a connected organization, then you should have checked Line 5(e). Please refer to 2 U.S.C. §433, 11 CFR §102.2, and the instructions for the Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) for further information.

-Please clarify your relationship, if any, with the New York State Democratic Committee, which appears to be an affiliated committee. For further guidance on the question of affiliation, please refer to 11 CFR §100.5(g) and §110.3. If your committee is affiliated with the New York State Democratic Committee you should amend your Statement of Organization to reflect this relationship as "affiliated" on Line 6.

**Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** 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.

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) 694-1139.

Sincerely,



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Reports Analysis Division

