

This is in reply to a letter from Laura Sinram, Senior Campaign Finance Analyst, Reports Analysis Division, dated January 7, 2009, and due a response by February 9, 2009, regarding the Fairfax County Democratic Committee Amended August Monthly Report (7/1/08 to 7/31/08) as filed with the FEC on 12/04/2008.

In Paragraph 1, your observation is correct that an error was committed in adding sums from this reporting period from Column A with previous cumulative totals to the year-to-date figures in Column B for lines 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii) of the August monthly report. We regret the error and will correct this by filing a new amended report with the required corrections.

Paragraph 2 identifies a problem we encountered with new software that the Committee is still learning to use for filing FEC reports in the future. MEMO entries which were entered in error were not intended to be filed with this report. They will be removed from the corrected filing.

Paragraph 3 seeks clarification of certain itemized expenses. More informative labels will be applied to disbursements for ""party building parade expense"" and ""volunteer party expense"" in our amended filing. The ""credit card discount"" description is standard banking industry language, generally recognized as the two or three percent fee deducted from each credit card transaction when processed for payment by the bank.

Paragraphs 4 and 5 raise questions about the reporting of disbursements for the Committee's only salaried employee engaged in support of candidates for Federal elections. The letter observes correctly that the reporting of disbursements for this employee, and further disclosures of his identity due to the amount of salary paid, have been incorrectly omitted or misclassified. The reports will be amended to correct this error, providing the identifying information and reporting disbursements as Federal Election Activity on Schedule B, supporting line 30(b). For any additional employees hired in the future to engage in federal election activity, proper disclosure of the Committee's disbursements will be reported on Schedule B, line 30(b).

We hope this reply is responsive to the questions raised in Ms. Sinram's letter of January 9, 2009. An amended filing of the August monthly report will be posted in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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