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To Whom this May Concern:

I am deeply concerned regarding this matter and desire to clear up any issue regarding your letter of November 10th, 2010.

I have placed many telephone calls to, and received much instruction from, my Finance Analyst, Allan Norfleet over the past several months. He has guided me into a better understanding of the requirements of filing and proper use of the F.E.C. software.

As a grass-roots activist I do not have the experience of being a professional political consultant. I have no background in politics and no formal guidance in these matters, except from your Analyst, Allan Norfleet. I have sought educational support for the proper filing procedures, tips and guidelines and found little. The YouTube's regarding the F.E.C. filing deadlines and regulations were scant at best. I have worked on a best efforts basis with full due diligence, calling on a regular basis to my Analyst, yet, I have inadvertently created several errors in reporting as noted by your letter.

These errors were fully corrected when brought to my attention by my Analyst. Furthermore, I have learned from these errors and for a fact, they will not be repeated.

I have asked my Analyst if I could fly to Washington to visit the F.E.C. and receive specific training, but I discovered that there is no provision for such 'one on one' training.

I searched the F.E.C. website, but could not find any educational seminars that would help me. In addition to my search for help I was left with only one course of action and that was many telephone calls to my Analyst, however, he is not a mind reader and voice only communications are grossly insufficient when dealing with numerical filing of such importance.

When I created this PAC I was unaware of the complex software and filing regulations necessary to sustain a PAC. There was no expanded explanation on how to file and what to do with the exception of the F.E.C. pdf guidelines. Not having a full understanding of the complexities of running a PAC with the required intricacies of the unique filing process created unseen circumstances beyond my control because of my lack of training. Therefore, I entered into a process which there was little disclosure to the magnitude and intensity of F.E.C. compliance.

I have searched for schedules, guidelines of regulatory filing perimeters and found very little. The result was my unknowing violation of filing dates, which upon discover, I quickly corrected and took action as to never letting these

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errors happen again.

Once again, Allan Norfleet is an excellent Analyst, but he can never take the place of printed understandable guidelines, or specialized classes, especially as understood by a grass-roots activist with no political experience.

To add substance to my comments, please refer to Allan Norfleet, for in recent weeks, I became so concerned with proper reporting procedures that I suspended contributions to any candidate in fear of violating any F.E.C. regulations. Until I can either receive adequate training on the proper filing requirements, I must only deal with political issues and NOT candidates. Using this method I can stay on issue without the short term notice requirements. Once proper training can be obtained, then and only then, I will be able to operate within F.E.C. guidelines in regards to candidate independent expenditures and direct donations to candidates.

Therefore, it is obvious that the problem has been rectified, but not only through the guidance of Allan Norfleet and the amended filings, but also my ceasing of actions which would create a short term filing requirement and thereby creating more filing errors.

In summary, I want to reiterate that the filing errors will not be repeated, I am under the continue instruction of my Analyst. I am willing to attend any F.E.C. educational seminars and have taken preventative steps so that proper filing is insured.

Had I known the intricacies of the filing and software interaction we would not be having this discussion, however, the filing errors I inadvertently created was totally unforeseen and without the proper knowledge, unforeseeable.

I hope that my explanation will carry with it a sense of urgency for not only myself but for others who find themselves struggling to be compliant in an arena of regulations which are unknown until either disclosed by the Analyst or violated in error.

Please accept my apologies for these errors and I hope that we can come to an amenable solution.

Sincerely,
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