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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Maureen Benitz
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RE: Response to August 23, 2013 Inquiry Letter (C00542779)

Dear Ms. Benitz:

This letter is in response to an inquiry I received on behalf of my client, CE Action Committee (ID # C00542779)

The inquiry requests clarification on \$127,494.93 in debts disclosed on an amended pre-special report filed with the FEC. Additionally, the inquiry requests clarification on one or more independent expenditures that were not timely disclosed on a 48-hour report.

At the time the original pre-special report was filed, CE Action had only recently been created. Expenditures in connection with the Massachusetts's special election were the committee's first involvement in a federal election. When the committee decided to become involved in the Massachusetts special election it hired a number of political consultants in a short time frame. After the original pre-special report was filed, the committee received invoices from a number of consultants dating back to the period covered by this report. These invoices involved a number of additional expenses that had not been disclosed in connection with the independent expenditures reported on various 48-hour reports filed by CE Action.

The committee amended the pre-special report to include the previously undisclosed expenses prior to the Massachusetts special runoff election. The committee has now established a better system for tracking work done by consultants to facilitate timely reporting of accrued expenses and 48-hour reports. In addition, these expenses were not long-term debts. All debts have now been paid by the committee.

Finally, we have now filed amendments correcting the two reporting issues you noted in your letter.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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