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Re: Amended March Monthly Report (2/01/08 - 2/29/08)

Dear Ms. Daughtrey:

This is in response to your correspondence, received in this office on July 17, 2008, requesting information regarding the March Monthly Report for the Amalgamated Transit Union-COPE (C00032995).

Specifically, your notice references Schedule E of our report and states that the committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 24 hour notices regarding "last minute" independent expenditures, as required by 11 CFR 104.3(b).

The expenditure in question is a \$1057.50 expenditure for ATU for Hillary placards. The report initially indicated that the expenditure was for the Ohio Primary. Due to a clerical error, this expenditure was incorrectly filed. The expenditure was for placards distributed to ATU members in both Ohio and Texas prior to those states' primaries. The expenditure should have been split between the state primaries. If it had been correctly reported, the 24 hour notice would not have been triggered.

An amended report has been filed to correct this mistake. We have made the necessary changes to our records and procedures so that this mistake will not occur in the future. This is the first time this committee has made independent expenditures for a Presidential Primary and we are making our best efforts to comply with all applicable federal campaign finance laws.

I trust this is responsive to your concerns. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Karen Head, Director of Political and Regulatory Affairs, at 202-537-1645.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely,

Oscar Owens
International Secretary Treasurer

c: Karen Head, Director of Political and Regulatory Affairs
Ann Washenko, COPE Administrator

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