



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 14, 2007

Mark Tondreau, Treasurer
Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee
413 Knight Street, Unit 101
Warwick, RI 02886

**Response Due Date:
April 13, 2007**

Identification Number: C00078196

Reference: September Monthly Report (8/1/06-8/31/06)

Dear Mr. Tondreau:

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:

-The totals listed on Lines 7, 11(a)(i), 11(a)(ii), 12, 18(a), 18(c), 20, 21(a)(i), 21(a)(ii), 21(b), 21(c), 30(b), 30(c), 31, and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your Amended August Monthly Report (7/1/06-7/31/06), received 1/3/07. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-Please amend your report by providing the address and purpose for each disbursement itemized on Schedule B supporting Line(s) 21(b). 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)

-Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "Copies." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in a calendar year, a memo entry including the

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name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule B, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3)(i) and 104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling \$32,453.73 for "Absentee Ballot Solicitation," "Phone bank reimbursement," and "Postage." Expenditures and disbursements for public communications (as defined under 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

Further, public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate, rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

Please note, 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- 1140.

Sincerely,



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