



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Gerald Labriola, Jr., Treasurer
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**Response Due Date:
August 25, 2006**

Identification Number: C00023838

Reference: June Monthly Report (5/1/06-5/31/06)

Dear Mr. Labriola:

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:

-Memo text filed with your report discloses apparent reimbursements to individuals. Please be advised that reimbursements to individuals for goods and services must be itemized on Schedule B or H4 as appropriate if payment to each individual aggregates in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. In addition, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount, and purpose of the original purchase must be provided if payment to the original vendor aggregates in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Please be advised that when the reimbursement amount to staff for travel and subsistence advances exceeds \$500, the payments by committee staff that make up the reimbursement may have to be itemized. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3)(i) and 104.9, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3 Please amend your report to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.

-Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Life Insurance," "Medical Insurance," "Payroll," and "Payroll Taxes." Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal and

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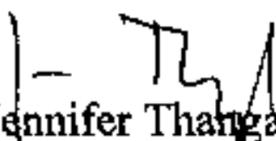
non-federal accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used. Further, the Commission concluded in Advisory Opinion 2003-11 that amounts spent for employee-specific "fringe benefits," consisting of health insurance, disability insurance, life insurance, retirement benefits and payroll taxes, fall into the category of compensated time.

Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for this payment is not permissible and must be returned. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this improper allocation activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

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) 694-1143.

Sincerely,


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