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Response Due Date
08/21/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00167015

REFERENCE: JULY MONTHLY REPORT (06/01/2014 - 06/30/2014)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Schedule H4 of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Voter file event" and "Voter list". Please be advised that 11 CFR §100.24(b) defines as Federal Election Activity, Voter identification, Generic Campaign and Get-out-the vote activities conducted in connection with an election in which one or more candidates for Federal office appear on the ballot. Furthermore, the costs for these types of Federal Election Activity must either be paid with federal funds or can be allocated between federal and Levin funds as long as the activity conducted does not refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office. It appears that you have allocated these costs between federal and non-federal funds. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for Federal Election Activity costs is not permissible and must be returned. (11 CFR §§300.32 and 300.33)

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately or provide clarifying information regarding this activity. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this apparent prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "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 (FEA) or

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activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal and 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.

Please clarify whether this activity is for employees who spent 25% or less of their time during the month(s) referenced above on FEA or activities in connection with a Federal election. If this is not the case, 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 any improper allocation activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

- Please be advised that you have used an incorrect committee identification number(s) for one or more contributions disclosed on Schedule A, supporting Line 17. Contributions from political action committees (i.e. separate segregated funds) should not disclose the identification numbers used to file Reports of Communication Costs (FEC FORM 7) by their connected organizations. Please file all future reports using correct identification numbers for contributions from other committees, where applicable, to avoid potential errors in entering these contributions onto the public record.

- Your report discloses certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, contributions from political committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) A, supporting Line(s) 11(c) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (2 U.S.C § 434(b) and FORM 3X Instructions)

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. 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. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

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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) 694-1147.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Benitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maureen Benitz
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst
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