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THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE  
PRESIDENT  
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**Response Due Date**  
**01/23/2020**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00544767

REFERENCE: 48-HOUR NOTIFICATION REPORT, RECEIVED 10/15/2019

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 1 item(s):

- Your committee filed a 48 Hour Report (see attached) informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support or opposition of federal candidates. Please be advised that itemized independent expenditures disclosed on 24 and 48 Hour Reports should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date the communication is publicly disseminated or distributed, the amount, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend the 48 Hour Report by providing the state. (11 CFR §104.4(b) and (c))

Please be advised that each State's Presidential primary is considered a separate election for purposes of aggregating independent expenditures (see Advisory Opinion 2003-40). Independent expenditures that are made in support or opposition to a presidential primary candidate and publicly distributed or otherwise disseminated in six or more states, but do not refer to any particular state, should be listed as a single expenditure (i.e., without allocating among states) and the state with the next upcoming presidential primary among those states where the independent expenditure is distributed must be indicated. Additionally, filers must use descriptive memo text to indicate the specific states in which the communication is distributed. 11 CFR §§104.4(b)(3)(vii)(C) and