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 National Convention 2002  
 12570 Oaks North Drive  
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Reference: Amended Statement of Organization, dated 10/8/02

Dear Mr. Lauterman:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of your Statement of Organization. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the Statement. An itemization follows:

-Please clarify your relationship, if any, with the Reform Party of the United States of America, which appears to be an affiliated committee. For further guidance on the question of affiliation, please refer to 11 CFR §100.5(g) and §110.3. If your committee is affiliated with the Reform Party of the United States of America, you should amend your Statement of Organization to reflect this relationship as "affiliated" on Line 6.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me or our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 3 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Alissa V. Sagri  
 Campaign Finance Analyst  
 Reports Analysis Division

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From: Mark Lauterman, Treasurer  
 Reform Party of the United States of America National Convention 2002, C00381608  
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Dear Ms. Sagri,

The Reform Party of the United States of America was formed in the fall of 1995. This is the national organization with state affiliates that send representatives to RPUSA. Each year the RPUSA has a national convention. While the convention is in session it is the Supreme body. Before and after the convention, the convention committee is a temporary child committee of RPUSA. When expenses are finished the funds and responsibilities are returned to its parent RPUSA. From year to year the RPUSA executive committee conducts the day-to-day business of the Reform Party. The executive committee selected the convention committee chair. I was later added as the convention committee treasurer August 3rd. I filed a statement of organization on 9/4/02 listing RPUSA as the parent connected organization on an out of date one page concise form.

The RPUSA national convention 2002 was held the weekend of September 8<sup>th</sup> in Denver Colorado. During that convention I was elected also as treasurer of RPUSA, C00331314. On 9/10 I sent a statement of organization listing the new secretary and treasurer of RPUSA on the same out of date one page concise form. On 10/2 I was sent a letter from Kristen R. Davis of your FEC reports analysis division scolding me for listing RPUSA as the parent connected organization. I filed on 10/8 the longer revised four-page statement of organization not listing the connected parent RPUSA. Now on 11/13 you are asking me to list the RPUSA parent. However on 11/13 I sent your office by snail mail a termination report of RPUSA National Convention 2002 transferring convention profits of \$563.55 to the parent RPUSA. The convention did not make any donations to candidates. Expenses and donations went entirely to electing new officers and modifying our national platform. The quarterly and pre-election reports were done on time and yet your office has failed to post the information on your website now almost two weeks after the election. I will try to comply with your requests within my ability to discern, but I think the public is owed the intended transparency.

Two years ago RPUSA 2000 Convention Committee, C00349324 ran up extensive bills and because it had obligations in disputa has not been able to terminate until now. I'm told RPUSA is at the mercy of the FEC in regards to obligations of the 2000 convention that could be transferred to RPUSA. All of those former officers have now resigned. Within RPUSA there is a communications committee that I consider affiliated and subordinate to RPUSA. Because those funds are here say to me and not directly under the control of the RPUSA treasurer I'm only going to list it as a summary of debts owed to RPUSA. Its payments and amounts incurred are internal to it as is this. Perhaps a consolidated report makes sense, but how could that be done quickly?

Mark Lauterman

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