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June 24, 2015

Bart J Ward, Treasurer
Abeler4senate
600 East Main Street
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RE: Letters from Federal Election Commissions

Bart Ward

Attached are letters from the Federal Election Commissions regarding beginning cash balances not matching prior reports submitted. Attached are copies of the Reports in question. I have highlighted the balances from the Amended 12 day Pre-primary Report, the 7-24-2014 to 9-30-2014 report, the balances from October Quarterly Report and the balances from the year end report 10-1-2014 to 12-31-2014. I have reviewed the reports in question and the numbers in question do match up the the beginning balances in question.
Please review the attached information from your website and review the numbers in question.
If you have any questions please contact me. Michael Marquardt, P O Box 71, Rogers Mn 55374, Phone 763-428-4447.
Regarding the question of possible discrepancies regarding general election contributions and primary contributions, I am gathering the files necessary to look into this situation, however I need more time to go through bank statements and deposit receipts to verify that a problem does or does not exist. I ask for an extension of time for this considering I just received this work file today.

Michael Marquardt CPA
Michael Marquardt
Certified Public Accountant

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Bart & Ellen Ward
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SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
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June 24, 2015

Ben Holly
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission

Dear Mr. Holly,

Enclosed is a letter from Michael Marquardt, CPA, regarding the two letters that were sent to me regarding Abeler4Senate.

Mr. Marquardt is helping Abeler4Senate in finalizing our reports and closing our committee. We have sought out Mr. Marquardt because of his accounting expertise. While I am treasurer for Abeler4Senate, I am volunteer and not an expert in this work. Our intention is to quickly get the review done and file any amendments to clean this up and close this committee.

As to item 2 issue, Mr. Marquardt does mention this in his letter and we will be providing a reconciliation of our financial reports in order to provide clarity to this issue. We did send a letter to potential donors after the primary, asking them for donations in order to cover our outstanding expenses and debts.

Sincerely,

Bart J. Ward
Abeler4Senate Treasurer

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full) — **TYPE OR PRINT ▼** — Example: If typing, type over the lines. 12FE4M5

ABELER4SENATE

ADDRESS (number and street) ▼ 600 EAST MAIN STREET

Check if different than previously reported. (ACC)

CITY ▲ ANOKA — STATE ▲ MN — ZIP CODE ▲ 55303 -

2. **FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ▼** C C00546630

3. IS THIS REPORT × NEW (N) **OR** AMENDED (A)

STATE ▼ DISTRICT: MN

4. **TYPE OF REPORT** (Choose One)

(a) Quarterly Reports:

- April 15 Quarterly Report (Q1)
- July 15 Quarterly Report (Q2)
- × October 15 Quarterly Report (Q3)
- January 31 Year-End Report (YE)
- Termination Report (TER)

(b) 12-Day **PRE**-Election Report for the:

Primary (12P) General (12G) Runoff (12R)

Convention (12C) Special (12S)

Election on M M D D Y Y in the State of

(c) 30-Day **POST**-Election Report for the:

General (30G) Runoff (30R) Special (30S)

Election on Y in the State of

5. Covering Period 07 (M M) 24 (D D) 2014 (Y Y) through 09 (M M) 30 (D D) 2014 (Y Y)

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer BART WARD

Signature of Treasurer *BART WARD* Date

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of Disbursements

II. DISBURSEMENTS	COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Election Cycle-to-Date
17. OPERATING EXPENDITURES...	7153.74	143740.13
18. TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES..	0.00	0.00
19. LOAN REPAYMENTS:		
(a) Of Loans Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate...	0.00	0.00
(b) Of All Other Loans.....	0.00	0.00
(c) TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS (add Lines 19(a) and (b))...	0.00	0.00
20. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees...	0.00	1000.00
(b) Political Party Committees...	0.00	0.00
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)...	0.00	0.00
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add Lines 20(a), (b), and (c))...	0.00	1000.00
21. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS...	0.00	0.00
22. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** (add Lines 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d), and 21) ▶	7153.74	144740.13

III. CASH SUMMARY

23. CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD...	11017.76
24 TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16, page 3)...	7294.00
25. SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24)...	18311.76
26. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 22)...	7153.74
27. CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF REPORTING PERIOD (subtract Line 26 from Line 25)...	11158.02

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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May 20, 2015

BART J. WARD, TREASURER
ABELER4SENATE
600 EAST MAIN STREET
ANOKA, MN 55303

Response Due Date
06/24/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00546630

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (10/01/2014 - 12/31/2014)

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. 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. The beginning cash balance of this report does not equal the ending balance of your October Quarterly Report. Please correct this discrepancy and amend all subsequent reports that may be affected by the correction. (52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(1) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(1)) and 11 CFR § 104.3(a)(1))

2. While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) This general election amount must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate did not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors or redesignated to the primary if your committee has net debts outstanding for the primary election. To redesignate a contribution the committee must either (1) obtain signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) redesignate the contribution by presumption to the primary election, for undesignated contributions made after the primary but before the general election, provided that the new designation does not exceed

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the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i) and (5)(ii)(C))

Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund or redesignation of any general election contribution. Refunds or redesignations must be done within 60 days after the 2014 Primary Election.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

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.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. 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) 694-1395.

Sincerely,

Benjamin G. Holly

Ben Holly
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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