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EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE
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Response Due Date
06/17/2011

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00494997

REFERENCE: STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, RECEIVED 04/07/2011

Dear Treasurer:

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. **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):

- A review of your Statement of Organization indicates that your committee may be an independent expenditure committee. Please be advised that in Advisory Opinions 2010-09 and 2010-11, the Commission concluded that a political committee may solicit and accept unlimited contributions from individuals, political committees, corporations and labor organizations for the purpose of making independent expenditures, provided that the committee does not make any monetary or in-kind contributions (including coordinated communications) to federal candidates or committees. If your committee was formed solely to make independent expenditures, please amend your Statement of Organization to include a statement clarifying this. An example of this statement can be found in Attachment A of Advisory Opinions 2010-09 and 2010-11 (a letter template is available at http://www.fec.gov/pdf/forms/ie_only_letter.pdf).

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.**