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Response Due Date
11/17/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00411330

REFERENCE: APRIL QUARTERLY REPORT (01/01/2014 - 03/31/2014)

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 **5** item(s):

1. Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of $8,960.00 in Itemized Individual Contributions. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule A, however, indicates the total to be $9,960.00. These amounts should be the same. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy. (11 CFR § 104.3(a) and (b))

2. Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page discloses $66,255.60 in unitemized receipts from individuals/persons other than political committees during the reporting period. When contributions from an individual reach $200 for an election cycle, each subsequent contribution from that individual must be itemized, regardless of the amount. The itemization should include the full name, mailing address and zip code of the person, along with the name of his/her employer, the date of the contribution, his/her occupation, the election designation and the election cycle-to-date amount of contributions made by the person. Please amend your report to provide a Schedule A if necessary, or to clarify that for the contributions in question, the aggregate total for the election cycle for each contributor does not exceed $200. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(i))

3. Schedule A of your report discloses contributions through a conduit but fails to disclose the original earmarked contributions. Please be advised that when a committee receives an earmarked contribution(s) through an allowable conduit, each individual contribution should be itemized when the individual's total contributions to your committee aggregate over $200 per calendar year. This itemization must include the full name, address, occupation, and employer of the individual contributor along with the date the contribution was received by the conduit. Any un-itemized contributions from individuals received through the conduit should be included in your totals on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions from political party committees, PACs, authorized committees, or any political committee must be itemized, regardless of the amount contributed.

In addition, the total contribution(s) received through the conduit should be itemized on Schedule A as a memo entry. The conduit's full name and address (and occupation and employer if the conduit is an individual) must also be provided, along with the date the contribution(s) was received by your committee and the total amount of earmarked contributions received from the conduit. Please amend your report to include the missing information. If itemization is not necessary, please indicate so in an amendment to this report. (11 CFR §§ 110.6(c)(2) and 104.3(a)(3))

4. Line 17 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of $53,593.73 in Operating Expenditures. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B, however, indicates the total to be $69,778.58. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy. (11 CFR § 104.3(a) and (b))

5. On Schedule B of your report, you failed to provide the purpose for all itemized expenditures. Commission Regulations require that you disclose the purpose for each expenditure made by your committee to a person/vendor in which the aggregate amount of payments made to that person/vendor exceeds $200 for the election cycle. Please amend Schedule B of your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4))

A non-exhaustive list of acceptable purposes is available on the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov/rad/pacs/documents/ExamplesofAdequatePurposes.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.

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) 694-1196.

Sincerely,

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