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Response Due Date

04/28/2016

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00492785

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (10/01/2015 - 12/31/2015)

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. Schedule A of your report discloses the receipt of contributions designated for the primary election that were received after the date the candidate terminated their candidacy. The Commission notes your additional explanation regarding the committee's corrective action taken for all of these contributions.

The candidate was running for Congressional office until their announcement on March 23, 2015 to run for the office of president. At this time, their status as a candidate for the 2018 Election Cycle ended. Your committee is entitled to keep all primary election contributions received prior to that announcement, and is allowed to use them in accordance with 11 CFR § 113.2. However, primary election contributions received after the date of the announcement must be refunded, except to the extent there are net debts outstanding for the campaign on the date each primary election contribution is received. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(ii))

If any of the apparent primary election contributions in question were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund

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checks. Refunds are reported on Line 20(a), (b) or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

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

2. Your report discloses \$89,612.30 from "Ted Cruz for President" in Offsets to Operating Expenditures on Line 14 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please be advised that if there are not corresponding expenditures for these entries, it may constitute an excessive or prohibited contribution. Please amend your report or provide an explanation for this apparent discrepancy or specify the corresponding expenditures for this offset. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(v))

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) 694-1166.

Sincerely,



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