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THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE  
PRESIDENT  
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**Response Due Date**  
**05/17/2017**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00544767

REFERENCE: 30 DAY POST-RUN-OFF REPORT (11/21/2016 - 12/30/2016)

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. **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 4 item(s):

1. The totals listed on Line(s) 7, 24, 31 and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
2. Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash on hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year to date cash on hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
3. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 29 of your report to clarify the following description(s): CAREY ACCT: ONLINE SERVICES" and "CAREY ACCT: POLITICAL MERCHANDISE." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(3)(i).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published

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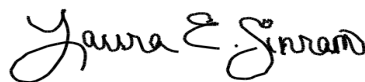
in the Federal Register can be found at [http://www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate\\_purpose\\_list\\_3507.pdf](http://www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate_purpose_list_3507.pdf).

4. Schedule E supporting Line 24 of your 30 Day Post-Runoff Report (11/21/16-12/30/16) discloses apparent independent expenditures made in opposition to "HILLARY CLINTON" during this reporting period. However, neither a memo Schedule E nor a Schedule D supporting Line 10 have been provided. Please be advised that if a communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the independent expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule E when the communication is publicly disseminated or distributed, and on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR §104.11. Subsequently, when the payment for the independent expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule E and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable. Please amend your report(s) to clarify this apparent discrepancy. (11 CFR §104.4)

**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.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) 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. For additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. 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) 694-1157.

Sincerely,



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