

Amendment 1 to FEC- 318404

New Jersey Democratic State Committee (C00104471) - Amendment to Year-End Report (12/01/07-12/31/07) - In response to the FEC's inquiry of February 20, 2007 regarding negative debts reported on Schedule D, Line 10, please be informed that the subject transactions were determined to be invalid as a result of the committee's review of debts that were continuously reported on its Schedule D, Line 10. The committee performed this review in an effort to improve internal systems and the integrity of reported data. With respect to the subject transactions, please be advised that all of the debts that were reduced were initially reported on the committee's amended 2000 Year-End Report. In most instances, the subject debts related to vendors with whom the committee has had an on-going relationship. In these cases, the committee determined that payments were made to the vendors subsequent to the initial reporting of obligations that more than satisfied the amounts reported as debt. In particular, it is noted that a payment in excess of the balance due was made to LSG Strategies in 2002 (i.e., 11/20/2002). Moreover, national vendors such as AT&T, ATX Communications, Federal Express, Liberty Insurance Company, Sprint, United Parcel Service, Verizon, and Xpedite Systems do not typically forgive/forego payments; in no case was a debt settlement arrangement entered into with the subject vendors. It is noted that certain vendors (e.g., Rabinowitz, Trenk, Lubetkin & Tully) were contacted directly and asked to verify that no obligation existed; none indicated a balance due. Finally, it is noted that in the past five years, not one of the subject vendors has submitted a bill or invoice requesting payment for debt as reported by the committee. As such, the committee has removed from its reports debt that no longer is valid; the committee is confident that the debt schedule included on its 2007 Year-End Report is an accurate representation of obligations owed by the committee.
