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Response Due Date
04/11/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00548420

REFERENCE: AMENDED YEAR-END REPORT (10/01/2013 - 12/31/2013), RECEIVED
02/03/2014

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. **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. Political committees that have an initial cash balance on their first report must disclose the source of these funds. Please provide either a memo Schedule A to itemize contributions received, which in the aggregate are in excess of \$200, or amend your report to include an explanatory statement to support the amount reported. (11 CFR § 104.12)
2. The totals listed on Line(s) 6(c), 6(d), 11(a)(ii), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 17, 19, 20, 21(b), 21(c), 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 Column A figures on this report, since this is the first report that the Committee has filed with the Federal Election Commission. 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 or provide additional clarification on this issue. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))
3. Commission Regulations require that a committee discloses the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the

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full name (**initials for first or last name are not acceptable**), complete mailing address, occupation, and name of employer. (11 CFR § 100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

The attached employer name and occupation entries appear on your report and are not considered acceptable.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(1)) See 11 CFR § 104.7(b)(1)(B) for examples of acceptable statements regarding the requirements of federal law.

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a written request or an oral request documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2)) The requests must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution,
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you should either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(4))

Please amend your report to provide the missing information or a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more

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information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide.

4. Schedule D of your report itemizes debt owed to "Colortree Group Inc," "MDI Imaging & Mail," "EGC Data Center," "Omega List," and "Campaign Funding Direct" with outstanding beginning balances. Please file an amendment to your report(s) to correct this discrepancy or explain when the debts were occurred. (11 CFR § 104.11(b))

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. 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) 694-1169.

Sincerely,



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Inadequate Employer/Occupation Entries
National Draft Ben Carson for President Committee (C00548420)

| Employer | Occupation |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| ACM | Manager |
| Carteer | Vending |
| CEP | President |
| CMC | Executive |
| CTCA | Executive |
| Paramount Mfg LLC | Self Employed |
| Self | Em Phy & Bus Ow |
| Self | Self Employed |
| Self Employed | Restaurant Ownr |
| Self Employed | Self |
| Self Employed | Self Employed |
| Self Employed | Small Bus Owner |