

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00411330

Response Due Date 05/24/2011

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2010 - 09/30/2010)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) 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 <u>2</u> item(s):

1. Your report contains incorrect Column B figures for Lines 6(a), 6(c), 7(a), 7(c), 11(a)(iii), 11(c), 11(e), 16, 17, and 22 of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information. When aggregating and reporting receipts and disbursements, candidate committees are required to disclose their activity on an election-cycle basis, from 11/8/06 to 11/6/12. Please amend your report to show election cycle-to-date figures for all aggregate amounts. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))

2. Please be advised that contributions to other committees or charitable organizations are not operating expenditures. These amounts should be disclosed on Line 21 of the Detailed Summary Page information and itemized on a separate Schedule B. (11 CFR \$ 104.3(b)(2))

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.

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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) 694-1138.

Sincerely,

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