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AUDITOR OF STATE

STATE OF OHIO

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY
ERIE COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Democratic Party
Erie County
5708 Schenk Road
Sandusky, Ohio 44870-9313

To the Democratic Executive Committee:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Democratic Executive Committee, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with §§ 3517.17 and 3517.18 of the Ohio Revised Code for the year ended December 31, 2001. Management is responsible for the Committee's compliance with those requirements. We followed the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants attestation standards for agreed upon procedures engagements. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Executive Committee. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Cash Receipts

We confirmed the Ohio Political Party Fund receipts with the State of Ohio and agreed to amounts shown on the Ohio Campaign Finance Report.

We found no exceptions as a result of our procedures.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We compared the sum of the cash balances recorded on the Democratic Party's Ohio Campaign Finance Report with cash balances reconciled by Deborah McDowell for the Democratic Party as of December 31, 2001. The sums agreed.
2. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the reconciliation. We found no computational errors.
3. We agree bank balances on the reconciliation with month end bank statements. The balances agreed.
4. We also agreed reconciling items appearing on that reconciliation to canceled checks, deposit slips, or to other documentation. We determined that the dates on those documents support that those items were proper reconciling items at December 31, 2001.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed the Statement of Expenditures and compared the listing totals to the disbursement totals on the political party fund finance report. The amounts agreed.
2. We selected all recorded disbursement transactions and traced the payee and amount to source documentation such as invoices and canceled checks. We also compared the payees on the checks to the names on the invoices. The payees and amounts recorded on the Statement of Expenditures agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks.
3. We compared the signature on the check to the authorized signatory. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check. The signatory on all checks we selected was an approved signatory.
4. We compared the purpose for the disbursement with the allowable uses described in § 3517.18 of the Ohio Revised Code.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance of the political party fund finance report which is attached to this report. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.

Jim Petro
Auditor of State

February 13, 2002

Exhibit A

DEMOCRATIC PARTY
ERIE COUNTY

OHIO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 (UNAUDITED)

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2001		\$ 106
Receipts:		
State Distribution	<u>1,077</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>1,077</u>
Disbursements:		
Supplies/Postage/Finance Charges	<u>759</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>759</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2001		<u><u>\$ 424</u></u>

See Report of Independent Accountants



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ERIE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
MARCH 26, 2002**