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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' ON APPLYING AGREE-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio and
Ashtabula County Democratic Executive Committee
P.O. Box 650
Ashtabula, Ohio 44005-0650

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Ashtabula County Democratic Executive Committee (the Committee) agreed, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.17, and 3517.18, for the year ended December 31, 2005. The Committee is responsible for complying with these 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 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.

Cash Receipts

1. We inquired of the Committee whether they deposited all gifts from corporations, labor organizations and all gifts restricted to operations into the same fund into which they deposit amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner. Management informed us they received no such gifts.
2. We footed the *Statement of Contributions Received* Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.17 requires filed for 2005. The Committee did not use the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* (Deposit Form 31-CC). We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2005 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in *Statement of Contributions Received* filed for 2005. We found no discrepancies.
4. We confirmed amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3517.17(A) and agreed them to amounts shown on the *Statement of Contributions Received* filed for 2005. We found no exceptions.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2005 reconciliation for the bank account used for receipts and disbursements restricted pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.1012(A). We found no computational errors.
2. We agreed the bank balance on the reconciliation to the bank statement balance as of December 31, 2005. The balances agreed.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed the cash disbursement listing and compared the listing totals to the disbursement totals on the Ohio Campaign Finance Report Form 31-B filed for 2005. The amounts agreed.
2. We compared the amounts on checks or other disbursements reflected in 2005 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Ohio Campaign Finance Report Form 31-B filed for 2005. The signatory on all checks we selected was an approved signatory.
3. For each disbursement on Ohio Campaign Finance Report Form 31-B filed for 2005, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee's name on canceled checks. The payees and amounts recorded on Ohio Campaign Finance Report Form 31-B, filed for 2005, agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks and invoices.
4. We compared the signature on 2005 checks to the list of authorized signatories the Committee provided to us. The signatory on all checks we selected was an approved signatory. We compared the endorsement to the payee listed on the check without exception.
5. We compared the purpose for each disbursement listed on Ohio Campaign Finance Report Form 31-B, filed for 2005, to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code 3517.18 permits. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice was inconsistent with the purposes Ohio Rev. Code 3517.18 permits.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an examination, the objective of which would be to express an opinion on compliance for each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* and *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* filed for 2005. Accordingly, we do not express 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 Secretary of State of Ohio and for the Ashtabula County Democratic Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.



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August 29, 2006



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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
OCTOBER 10, 2006**