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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Republican Party Executive Committee
Madison County
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London, Ohio 43140

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Madison County Republican Party Executive Committee (the Committee) agreed, solely to assist the Committee in evaluating its compliance with certain requirements included in Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3517.1012, 3517.13(X)(1), 2(b), (3)(a), and (4), 3517.17, and 3517.18, for the year ended December 31, 2008. 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 attempted to foot each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2008. The Committee did not file the required Form 31-CC, rather they filed the *Statement of Other Income* (Form 31-A-2). Therefore, we footed the *Statement of Other Income* (Form 31-A-2), filed for 2008. We noted no computational errors.

Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires a political party to deposit into its restricted fund all public moneys received from the Ohio Political Party Fund. Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.10(C) (6) (b) states the secretary of state shall prescribe the form for all statements required to be filed under this section. As prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State, the Committee is required to use the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* (Form 31-CC) to report all receipts from the Ohio Political Party Fund.

The Committee used *Statement of Other Income* (Form 31-A-2) to report receipts from the Ohio Political Party. The Committee should use the latest *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Form (Form 31-CC) to report receipts from the Ohio Political Party.

3. We attempted to compare bank deposits reflected in 2008 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2008. However, as noted in Step 2 above, the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Form 31-CC) was not filed for 2008. Therefore, we compared bank deposits reflected in 2008 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in *Statement of Other Income* (Form 31-A-2), filed for 2008 instead. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Form.

Cash Receipts (Continued)

4. We scanned the Committee's 2008 bank statements and noted the Committee did not receive any of the four quarterly payments from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A).

The Office of Budget and Management informed us they cannot make payment to entities unless they file an IRS form W-9 with them. We recommend that the Committee determine if they filed their W-9 with the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) so they can receive the 2008 quarterly payments they are owed.

5. We scanned other recorded 2008 receipts for evidence that a corporation or labor organization may have exceeded the \$10,000 annual gift limit Ohio Rev. Code 3517(X)(3)(a) imposes. We found no evidence that any corporation or labor organization exceeded this limit.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2008 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, 2008. The balances agreed.
3. The Committee had no reconciling items in excess of \$100 appearing on the reconciliation.

Cash Disbursements

1. The Madison County Republican Party informed us they had no restricted fund disbursements and consequently did not file Form 31-M for 2008. We scanned the restricted fund account bank statements for 2008, noting no charges against the account. Therefore, we did not perform steps 1 through 9 as documented in the attached Agreed-Upon Procedures within our engagement letter.

We were not engaged to, and did not examine each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* and *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* filed for 2008, the objective of which would have been to opine on compliance. 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 Republican Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.



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January 27, 2009



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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
FEBRUARY 26, 2009**