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**DEMOCRATIC PARTY
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Democratic Party Executive Committee
Lawrence County
P.O. Box 305
Ironton, Ohio 45638

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Democratic Party Executive Committee, Lawrence County, Ohio (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, 2011. 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 and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. 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 each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2011. We also footed each *Statement of Other Income* (Deposit Form 31-A-2) and *Statement of Contributions Received* (Deposit Form 31-A), filed for 2011. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2011 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC; 31-A; and 31-A-2 filed for 2011. The bank deposit amounts agreed to the deposits recorded in the Forms.
4. We scanned the Committee's 2011 bank statements and noted they did not reflect four quarterly payments received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A). The Deposit Form 31-CC did not report a payment in the amount of \$155.91. We recommend the Executive Committee investigate this amount do determine if it is due to the Executive Committee. In addition, of the three payments reported, one payment in the amount of \$5.82 was reported on Deposit Form 31-A.

Cash Receipts (Continued)

5. We scanned the Ohio Campaign Finance Reports and fund bank statements for evidence that a corporation or labor organization may have exceeded the \$10,000 annual gift limit Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(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, 2011 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, 2011. The balances agreed.
3. There were no reconciling items appearing on the reconciliation as of December 31, 2011.

Cash Disbursements

1. There were no cash disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2011.
2. Pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(1), we inquired of management whether they transferred any cash from the restricted fund to any other political party account into which contributions may be made or from which contributions or expenditures may be made. We found no evidence of prohibited transfers.

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 2011, 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 Democratic Party Executive Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone else.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

March 23, 2012



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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
APRIL 10, 2012**