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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Republican Executive Committee
Fairfield County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the Republican 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, 2006. 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. They informed us they did use this fund for all such gifts.
2. We footed the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Deposit Form 31-CC), filed for 2006. We noted no computational errors.
3. We compared bank deposits reflected in 2006 restricted fund bank statements to total deposits recorded in Deposit Form 31-CC filed for 2006.

Deposit Form 31-CC incorrectly reported a deposit of \$559.40. This was for a 2005 payment from the State Tax Commissioner that the Committee attempted to deposit in 2006 but was returned by the bank. The \$559.40 was not actually received or deposited during 2006 and should not have been included on the form.

4. We confirmed amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code 3517.17(A), and agreed them to amounts shown on Deposit Form 31-CC filed for 2006. We noted two exceptions: 1)The Committee incorrectly reported a payment in the amount of \$559.40 from the State Tax Commissioner that was not received or deposited in 2006; 2) A payment from the State Tax Commissioner in the amount of \$7.20 on January 11, 2006, was not included on Deposit Form 31-CC filed for 2006 or deposited into the Committee's account.
5. We scanned other recorded 2006 receipts 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.
6. We also noted the Committee included interest receipts on Deposit Form 31-CC. These receipts should be reported on Form 31-A-2 the Statement of Other Income.

Cash Reconciliation

1. We recomputed the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2006 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, 2006. The balances agreed.

Cash Disbursements

1. We footed the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.17 requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), filed for 2006. We noted no computational errors.
2. Per Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(1), we scanned Disbursement Form 31-M filed for 2006 and 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.
3. We compared the amounts for checks and other disbursements reflected in 2006 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Form 31-M filed for 2006. We found one exception. The Committee reported a disbursement of \$559.40 which was not a disbursement, but was actually a returned deposit in the Committee's bank account. This item should not have been included on Disbursement Form 31-M.
4. For each disbursement on Disbursement Form 31-M filed for 2006, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and amounts to bank statements. The payees and amounts recorded on Disbursement Form 31-M agreed to the payees and amounts on the invoices and amounts on the bank statements. The Committee did not provide copies of cancelled checks and, therefore, we were unable to agree the payee on the cancelled check to the payee on Disbursement Form 31M.
5. We scanned the payee for each 2006 disbursement for evidence that it might represent a contribution or campaign-related disbursement, both of which Ohio Rev. Code 3517.13(X)(2)(b) prohibit. We found no evidence that any restricted fund disbursements represented contributions or campaign-related disbursements.
6. The Committee did not provide us copies of the two cancelled checks. We could not compare the endorsement to the payee listed on the check for any disbursements because the Committee only provided copies of the front of cleared checks.
7. We scanned each 2006 restricted fund disbursement recorded on Form 31-M for evidence that it represented a transfer from the restricted fund to any other state or county political party, which Ohio Rev. Code 3517(X)(4) prohibits. We found no evidence of any transfers.
8. We compared the purpose of each disbursement listed on Disbursement Form 31-M, filed for 2006, to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18 permits. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice violated the restrictions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3517.18.

We were not engaged to, and did not examine the *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* and *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* filed for 2006, 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

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September 5, 2007



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FAIRFIELD 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
OCTOBER 4, 2007**