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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Secretary of State of Ohio
Republican Executive Committee
621 Boardman-Canfield Road
Boardman, Ohio 44512

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 Revised 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 each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Deposits* Ohio Revised 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 Forms 31-CC filed for 2006. We noted that the total bank deposits reflected in 2006 restricted fund bank statements did not agree to total deposits recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC as filed. The Treasurer corrected these discrepancies and we reviewed these corrections on April 21, 2008.
4. We confirmed amounts received from the State Tax Commissioner pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.17(A), and agreed them to amounts shown on Deposit Forms 31-CC filed for 2006. We found no exceptions.
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 Revised Code Section 3517.13(X)(3)(a) imposes. We noted that one corporation exceeded the \$10,000 annual gift limit by \$1,000. This excess was repaid to the corporation on March 6, 2008.
6. Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.1012 requires the Party to file Forms 31-CC electronically with the Secretary of State when the Committee receives gifts from corporations or labor organizations. We viewed Forms 31-CC submitted for 2006 on the Secretary of State's website.

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 Revised Code Section 3517.1012(A). We noted that the total bank deposits and expenditures reflected in 2006 restricted fund bank statements did not agree to total deposits and expenditures recorded in Deposit Forms 31-CC as filed. The Treasurer corrected these discrepancies and we reviewed these corrections on April 21, 2008.
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 each *Statement of Political Party Restricted Fund Disbursements* Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.17 requires (Disbursement Form 31-M), filed for 2006. We noted no computational errors.
2. Per Ohio Revised Code Section 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 on checks or other disbursements reflected in 2006 restricted fund bank statements to disbursement amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2006. We noted that the total bank disbursements reflected in the 2006 restricted fund bank statements did not agree to total disbursements amounts reported on Disbursement Forms 31-M as filed. The Treasurer corrected these discrepancies and we reviewed these corrections on April 21, 2008.
4. For each disbursement on Disbursement Forms 31-M filed for 2006, we traced the payee and amount to payee invoices and to the payee's name on canceled checks. The payees and amounts recorded on Disbursement Forms 31-M agreed to the payees and amounts on the canceled checks and invoices.
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 Revised Code Section 3517.13(X)(2)(b) prohibit. We found no evidence that any restricted fund disbursements represented contributions or campaign-related disbursements.
6. We compared the signature on 2006 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.
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 Revised Code Section 3517(X)(4) prohibits. We found no evidence of any transfers.
8. We compared the purpose of each disbursement listed on 2006 Disbursement Forms 31-M to the purpose listed on the vendor invoice and to the purposes Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.18 permits. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice violated the restrictions of Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.18.

9. Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.1012 requires the Party to file Forms 31-M electronically with the Secretary of State when the Committee receives gifts from corporations or labor organizations. We viewed Forms 31-M submitted for 2006 on the Secretary of State's website.

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 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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April 21, 2008



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MAHONING 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
JUNE 10, 2008**