

Internal Revenue Service

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Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: February 1, 2012

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Response Due Date:

February 23, 2012

Dear Sir or Madam:

We need more information before we can complete our consideration of your application for exemption. Please provide the information requested on the enclosed Information Request by the response due date shown above. Your response must be signed by an authorized person or an officer whose name is listed on your application. Also, the information you submit should be accompanied by the following declaration:

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.

If we approve your application for exemption, we will be required by law to make the application and the information that you submit in response to this letter available for public inspection. Please ensure that your response doesn't include unnecessary personal identifying information, such as bank account numbers or Social Security numbers, that could result in identity theft or other adverse consequences if publicly disclosed. If you have any questions about the public inspection of your application or other documents, please call the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

To facilitate processing of your application, please attach a copy of this letter and the enclosed Application Identification Sheet to your response and all correspondence related to your application. This will enable us to quickly and accurately associate the additional documents with your case file. Also, please note the following important response submission information:

- Please don't fax and mail your response. Faxing and mailing your response will result in unnecessary delays in processing your application. Each piece of correspondence submitted (whether fax or mail) must be processed, assigned, and reviewed by an EO Determinations specialist.
- Please don't fax your response multiple times. Faxing your response multiple times will delay the processing of your application for the reasons noted above.

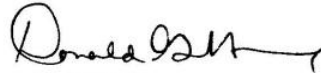
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- Please don't call to verify receipt of your response without allowing for adequate processing time. It takes a minimum of three workdays to process your faxed or mailed response from the day it is received.

If we don't hear from you by the response due date shown above, we will assume you no longer want us to consider your application for exemption and will close your case. As a result, the Internal Revenue Service will treat you as a taxable entity. If we receive the information after the response due date, we may ask you to send us a new application.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



[REDACTED]
Exempt Organizations Specialist

Enclosure: Information Request
Application Identification Sheet

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Additional Information Requested:

1. Please provide copies of your current web pages, including your Blog posts. Please provide copies of all of your newsletters, bulletins, flyers, newsletters or any other media or literature you have disseminated to your members or others. Please provide copies of stories and articles that have been published about you.
2. Provide copies of the pages of your social networking sites.
3. You provided a copy of your Articles of Incorporation that does not exhibit the State agency's date stamp. Please provide a copy exhibiting the date stamp.
4. Provide an updated roster of your Board and officers.
5. Provide your actual revenues and expenditures for 2010 and 2011, and a projection of your 2012 revenues and expenditures. Please be very explicit about your expenditures.
6. Provide copies of the action items you have sent to members and others by email or otherwise.
7. Provide copies of the agendas and minutes of any Board meetings and, if applicable, membership meetings, in which electoral issues were discussed or to which candidates for political office were invited.
8. Have you expressly endorsed or oppose candidates for public office or slates of candidates at public events, on your website, on your radio show or You Tube page, in your literature or in any other forum? Do you plan to do so in the current election cycle? If so, provide a list of candidates for political office you have expressly endorsed or opposed, and describe the occasion on which you made each endorsement.
9. Describe in detail any financial or other support you have given to candidates, slates of candidates, or political parties, or which you plan to give in the current election cycle.
10. List the community events, including rallies, you organized or took part in in the past, or plan to organize or participate in during the current election cycle. What are the dates on which they took place or will take place?
 - a. Describe the purpose of the event, and the issues that it addressed.
 - b. Provide copies of any materials disseminated to participants in the event.
 - c. If you permitted a candidate quã candidate to address the participants in any event, explain in detail.
11. List the dates of the radio shows in which candidates for political office were invited or in which candidates as candidates were mentioned by name. Please provide transcripts of the pertinent parts of those shows.
12. Submit copies of any candidate questionnaires you submit to candidates. How do you communicate the results of the questionnaires to the electorate? Provide copies of these communications.
13. Do you compile voter guides or distribute voter guides, either your own or those provided by others? Provide copies.
14. Provide copies of any documents you disseminate that rate incumbents or all candidates for political office. State the dates on which you disseminated these documents, and through which media.

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15. Do any issue-related advocacy communications compare to the positions of candidates or slates of candidates on these issues with your positions? Provide copies of these communications. What percentage do these constitute of your issue-related advocacy communications?
16. Do you encourage eligible voters to educate themselves, register to vote, and vote?
 - a. Explain in detail how you do this. For example, do you conduct voter registration or get out the vote drives, or voter education?
 - b. In the course of conducting these activities do your members or volunteers urge the voters to support or oppose particular candidates or slates of candidates?
 - c. If not, describe how you ensure that these activities are conducted in a strictly non-partisan manner.
17. Do you have a close relationship with any candidate for public office or political party? If so describe fully the nature of that relationship.
18. Provide copies of any agreements you have with others for provision of goods or services, sharing of facilities or other cooperative arrangements, or anything else.
19. What percentage of your time is devoted to each of the following? What percentage of your resources?
 - a. Member events in which electoral issues, including the qualifications of candidates or slates of candidates are also discussed.
 - b. Organization/participation in public events. Within this category, what percentage involved some kind of intervention in the political process, including, but not exclusively, express or implicit endorsement or opposition to candidates or slates of candidates.
 - c. Express endorsements of candidates through press releases, advertising, member communications, radio shows, or other media.
 - d. Financial or other support to candidates, slates of candidates, or political parties.
 - e. Voter education and engagement activities which tend to support or oppose specific candidates or slates of candidates.
 - f. Issue-related advocacy communications. Within this category, what percentage include comparisons of the positions of candidates or slates of candidates on these issues with your positions?
 - g. Compilation and distribution of candidate questionnaires, voter guides, incumbent or candidate ratings, and so forth.
 - h. Member events in which only legislative issues are discussed.
 - i. Nonpartisan voter education or engagement activities.
 - j. Fundraising.
 - k. Website maintenance.
 - l. Other administrative, including officer travel and participation in conferences.
 - m. Other – please describe fully.

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20. Apart from your responses to the preceding, estimate the percentage of your time and what percentage of your resources you will devote to activities in the 2012 election cycle, in which you will explicitly or implicitly support or oppose a candidate, candidates or slates of candidates, for public office.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING YOUR CASE TO:

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