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Joseph F. Stoltz
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Re: Harry Teague for Congress – Response to Interim Audit Report

Dear Mr. Stoltz:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the Interim Audit Report ("the Report") on Harry Teague for Congress ("the Committee"). With the exception of a technical correction, the Committee does not object to the Report, but we appreciate the opportunity to provide additional context.

The Committee is the principal campaign committee for Harry Teague, who represents the 2nd District of the State of New Mexico in Congress. Congressman Teague was a first time candidate during the 2008 election cycle. The Committee did not have anyone with prior experience in submitting reports to the Commission. The Report's sole finding was a result of this fact. The Committee has since taken steps to revise and address its compliance procedures.

The Committee's one substantive comment is with regard to the Report's discussion of the loan repayment. The Report's description of the issue as involving an "Unreported loan repayment to Candidate" should be revised for accuracy. As the Report acknowledges, the loan repayment was fully disclosed, but as a memo entry. While the method of disclosure resulted in an incorrect cash-on-hand figure, the loan repayment was still fully disclosed to both the Commission and the public. The final report should make clear that while the repayment ought to have been reported differently, it was still disclosed.

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We appreciate the opportunity to present this information. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. G. Svoboda", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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