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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Thomas E. Hintermister  
Assistant Staff Director, Audit Division  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Hintermister:

We are in receipt of the Preliminary Audit Report ("PAR") regarding the activities of the Committee on Arrangements for the 2012 Republican National Convention ("COA").

The following represents the response of COA to the findings and recommendations of the Audit staff contained in the PAR.

**Finding 1. Net Outstanding Convention Expenses**

COA does not dispute the Net Outstanding Convention Expenses ("NOCE") calculations as prepared by Audit staff through October 31, 2013. COA has provided Audit staff with additional information to update the NOCE calculations and will continue to update the staff on a monthly basis. Also, as a convenience, COA has included with this response an updated NOCE statement as of January 31, 2014.

**Finding 2. Failure to Itemize Debts**

Although COA disagrees with the basis for a finding regarding the itemization of debts, it nevertheless has complied with Audit staff's recommendations by filing amended reports to reflect the activity at issue. The amended reports were filed earlier this week. As a result, we trust that no further action will be taken by the Commission on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Sidwell Morris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather Sidwell Morris  
*Counsel to the Committee on Arrangements  
for the 2012 Republican National Convention*

Enclosure