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Dear Dr. Bentley:

This Office received a complaint alleging that your principal campaign committee for Governor received contributions from several corporations in excess of the \$500 per-election limit that corporations may contribute to a candidate or a candidate's principal campaign committee.

Corporations are allowed to contribute up to \$500 to a candidate for each separate election occurring during a calendar year. ALA. CODE §§ 10-2A-70.1 & 10-2A-70.2 (1999). Thus, your committee was allowed to receive \$500 each for the primary, the primary run-off, and the general election, for a total contribution of \$1500 from a corporation for the 2010 elections. Any contribution received from a corporation over this \$1500 limit should be immediately returned to the corporation by the candidate. You should also report the return of the excess amount as an expenditure in the next report filed for the general election, which would be the 10-5 day report.

Your contributions form for the 45-day report for the June 1 primary election reflects the following contribution from a corporation:

- Chris Riles; Chris Riles Insurance Agency, Inc.; Northport, Alabama; 3/3/10; \$2500.

Your contributions form for the 45-day report for the November 2 general election reflects the following contributions from corporations:

- T.A. Hall Contractors; Spanish Fort, Alabama; 7/26/10; \$2500;
- General Insulation; Theodore, Alabama; 8/6/10; \$10,000;
- Command Alkon; Birmingham, Alabama; 8/18/10; \$2500;
- Foley Materials Company, Columbus, Georgia; 9/3/10; \$2500;
- Matrix; Auburn, Alabama; 9/3/10; \$2500.

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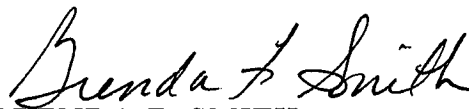
This Office requests that your campaign immediately return all amounts received in excess of \$1500 to these corporations. Furthermore, the return of these funds should be reported in your 10-5 day report for the November 2 general election. Please send a copy of the filed 10-5 report to me at the address above.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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