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May 27, 2005

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Mr. John Wende, Business Manager
Pipefitters Local 274, AFL-CIO
1000 Hendricks Causeway
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Dear Mr. Wende:

This office has recently completed an audit of Pipefitters Local 274 under the Compliance Audit Program (CAP) to determine your organization's compliance with the provisions of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as Amended (LMRDA). As discussed during the exit interview with you on May 26, 2005, the following problems were disclosed during the CAP. The matters listed below are not an exhaustive list of all possible problem areas since the audit conducted was limited in scope.

The CAP disclosed the following:

Form LM-2 filed for year ended December 31, 2003 contains an error that needs to be remedied:

Item 13 on page 2 asks "During the Reporting Period Did Your Organization: Acquire or dispose of any goods or property in any manner other than by purchase or sale?" The box for "No" was improperly checked. The "Yes" box should have been checked. During the reporting period - calendar year 2003 - an automobile purchased by Local 274 for \$23,948 in a prior year was given to retiring Business Manager Thomas Stiles. The decision to do so was approved by the membership at the October 31, 2002 regular meeting. That information needs to be included in Item 75.

Kindly provide a signed, amended Form LM-2 for year ended June 30, 2003. It should be forwarded to me at the above address no later than June 24, 2005. I want to extend my personal appreciation for your and your entire staff's cooperation and courtesy during this compliance audit. If we can be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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