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March 16, 2009

Mr. Ron Harrison, Financial Secretary
Painters AFL-CIO
Local 1786
422 W. Commercial Street
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LM File Number 040-766
Case Number: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Harrison:

This office has recently completed an audit of Painters Local 1786 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 (LMRDA). As discussed during the exit interview with you on March 6, 2009, 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.

Reporting Violation

The audit disclosed a violation of LMRDA Section 201(b), which requires labor organizations to file annual financial reports accurately disclosing their financial condition and operations. The Labor Organization Annual Report Form LM-3 filed for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 was deficient in that Local 1786 did not include your salary, totaling \$1,920.00, in the amounts reported in Column D (Gross Salary) of Item 24 (All Officers and Disbursements to Officers). The union reported these payments in Column E (Allowances and Other Disbursements) of Item 24.

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The union must report the gross salary of each officer (before tax withholdings and other payroll deductions) in Column D of Item 24.

I am not requiring that Local 1786 file an amended LM report for 2008 to correct the deficient items, but Local 1786 has agreed to properly report the deficient items on all future reports it files with OLMS.

I want to extend my personal appreciation to Painters Local 1786 for the cooperation and courtesy extended during this compliance audit. I strongly recommend that you make sure this letter and the compliance assistance materials provided to you are passed on to future officers. If we can provide any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Investigator

cc: Bruce Stoops, President