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Response Due Date
03/02/2011

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00096412

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2010 - 09/30/2010)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.**

Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. Your report contains incorrect Column B figures for Lines 6(a), 6(c), 11(c), 11(e) and 16 of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information. When aggregating and reporting receipts and disbursements, candidate committees are required to disclose their activity on an election-cycle basis, from 11/5/08 to 11/2/10. Please amend your report to show election cycle-to-date figures for all aggregate amounts. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))
2. Some of the contributions itemized on Schedule A of your report appear to have incorrect values in the "Election Cycle-to-Date" field. This field should reflect the total amount that the committee received from the contributor in the current election cycle, from 11/5/08 through the date of receipt of the contribution. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(3)) Some of the election cycle-to-date totals reported on your Schedule A do not appear to include all contributions from the contributor received in this election cycle. Failure to correctly total contributions received from a given source in the election cycle could lead to acceptance of excessive contributions by the committee. Please note that this problem frequently occurs when the contributor name is entered in the committee's electronic reporting database more than once using a different spelling and/or format. This prevents the database from properly aggregating contributions from the same individual or entity. Entering correct election cycle dates and ensuring that the name of each contributor is entered into the database only once would help avoid election cycle-to-date errors. When reporting contributions from political action committees, using the contributor's FEC identification number will help prevent duplicate entries.

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Please review your procedures for compliance with this requirement and amend your report(s) as necessary. See the attached list of incorrect aggregate election cycle to date totals for contributors listed on your report.

3. Schedule A of your report discloses earmarked contributions through a conduit. Please be reminded that when a committee receives an earmarked contribution(s) through an allowable conduit, each individual contribution must be itemized when the individual's total contributions to your committee aggregate over \$200 per election cycle. This itemization must include the full name, address, occupation, and employer of the individual contributor along with the date the contribution(s) was received by the conduit. Any un-itemized contributions received through the conduit must be included in your totals on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page.

In addition, information regarding the conduit or intermediary for each contribution must be itemized on Schedule A as a memo entry. The conduit's full name and address (and occupation and employer if the conduit is an individual) must also be provided, along with the date the contribution(s) was received by your committee and the total amount of earmarked contributions received from the conduit.

Please amend your report to disclose the proper format for earmarked contributions received from a conduit or intermediary. You can refer to the FEC Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees for further guidance on how to report earmarked contributions through a conduit (11 CFR § 110.6(c)(2))

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt

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press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Whyrick", written over a horizontal line.

Christopher Whyrick
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Aggregate Election Cycle-to-Date Discrepancies
Committee to Reelect Congressman Chris Smith (C00096412)
October Quarterly Report (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Reported ECTD Total	ECTD Total Calculated by FEC
Baxter Simons, Laura	9/30/2010	\$2,280.00	\$0.00	\$2,280.00
Leeds, Richard	9/22/2010	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00