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JOHN B. POERSCH JR., TREASURER
DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
120 MARYLAND AVENUE NE .
WASHINGTON, DC 20003

Response Due Date

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00042366

02/23/2009

REFERENCE: OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT (09/01/2008 - 09/30/2008)

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** items:

1. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(c) prohibit a political committee which is established and maintained by a national political party, and any affiliated committees, from accepting contributions from a person or non-multicandidate political committee in excess of \$28,500 in a calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule E discloses independent expenditures opposing federal candidates in the Colorado, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire and Oregon Senate elections. Schedule F of this report discloses coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates running in the same races. Under 2 U.S.C. §431(17), an "independent expenditure" is defined as:

... an expenditure by a person expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate; and that is not made in concert or cooperation with or at the request or suggestion of such candidate, the candidate's authorized committee, or their agents, or a political party committee or its agents.

Further, 11 CFR §109.21 outlines the factors which define a coordinated communication. Please verify that the independent expenditures made by your Committee meet the definition of and were properly categorized as independent expenditures. If necessary, amend your reports to disclose the aforementioned transactions as in-kind contributions (Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page) or coordinated expenditures (Schedule F supporting Line 25 of the Detailed Summary Page).

If the reclassification of these expenditures as in-kind contributions results in excessive contributions, the Commission recommends that you notify the candidate(s) and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$39,900 per election. If the reclassification of these expenditures as coordinated expenditures results in your committee exceeding the limitations under 2 U.S.C. §441a(d), the Commission recommends that you notify the candidate(s) and request a refund of the amount in excess of the expenditure limitation.

Please inform the Commission of any corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your refund request(s) sent to the candidate(s). In

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addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

3. Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to timely file one or more of the required 48 hour notices for independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 48 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(b), within 48 hours of any independent expenditures aggregating \$10,000 or more with respect to a given election, made any time during the calendar year up to and including the 20th day before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$10,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

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 press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1136.

Sincerely,



Jodi Winship
Senior Campaign Finance and Reviewing Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Excessive Contributions from an Individual

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
Mundt, Philip J	08/27/2008	\$100.00	2008 September Monthly
Mundt, Philip J	09/26/2008	\$46,000*	2008 October Monthly

**The October Monthly Report disclosed 184 contributions of \$250 each from this individual for a total of \$46,000*

Late Filed 48-Hour Notice

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Candidate	Date Notice Filed
Great American Media-GMMB	09/22/2008*	\$274,882.00	Media Buy TV	Bob Schaffer	9/25/08

**Memo Text attached to this entry states "Disseminated 8/23/08"*