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Response Due Date
03/20/2023

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00556506

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2022 - 09/30/2022)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report 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 2 item(s):

1. Schedule B of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). The Act precludes an authorized or principal campaign committee from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. (11 CFR §§ 102.12(c) and 102.13(c))

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

If the contribution made was excessive, you must notify the recipient committee and either request a refund or redesignate (if applicable) the amount in excess of \$2,000.

If requesting a refund, you also must inform the Commission in writing of such a refund and provide a photocopy of any refund request sent to the recipient committee. The refund must appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

In regard to redesignations, you can authorize the recipient committee to redesignate the excessive portion of the contribution to another election provided the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions

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made with respect to that particular election. Also, the redesignation must be done within 60 days of the contribution being received by the recipient committee. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election provided the recipient committee has net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i)) If the above conditions for redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded to your committee. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(3).

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action to either redesignate or obtain a refund of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions from an organization(s) which is not a political committee registered with the Commission (see attached). In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations, your committee should take steps to ensure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) and 30118 (formerly 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b) or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: (1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or (2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible.

If you have received prohibited contributions, you must make a refund. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1)) The refund must be made within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(2))

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any refund checks. Refunds must be reported on a Schedule B supporting Line 20(b) or (c), as applicable, of the report covering the period in which the refund was made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, your prompt action to refund the

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prohibited amount will be taken into consideration.

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. For information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information. Should you 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) 694-1620.

Sincerely,



Mary Seiler
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Ted Lieu for Congress (C00556506)

Contributions from Possible Unregistered Organizations

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Democratic Women's Council Of The Conejo Valley PAC	9/9/22	\$200.00	G2022

Apparent Excessive Contributions to Other Committees

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election
Bowman For Congress	11/5/21	\$1,000.00	G2022
Bowman For Congress	3/2/22	\$1,000.00	G2022
Bowman For Congress	7/6/22	\$2,000.00	G2022
Melanie For New Mexico	11/5/21	\$1,000.00	G2022
Melanie For New Mexico	5/5/22	\$1,000.00	G2022
Melanie For New Mexico	7/6/22	\$1,000.00	G2022
Melanie For New Mexico	9/27/22	\$1,000.00	G2022
Mondaire Jones For Congress	5/5/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Mondaire Jones For Congress	8/3/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Mondaire Jones For Congress	7/14/22	\$2,000.00	P2022
Torres For Congress	5/5/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Torres For Congress	8/3/21	\$1,000.00	P2022
Torres For Congress	5/5/22	\$1,000.00	P2022
Torres For Congress	7/6/22	\$2,000.00	P2022