

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Anthony Roda, Treasurer
American Success Political Action Committee
1155 21st Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036

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Identification Number: C00336644

Reference: May Monthly Report (4/1/02-4/30/02)

Dear Mr. Roda:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

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

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed

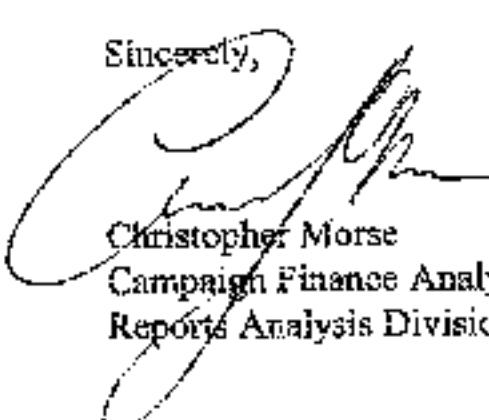
on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Your committee discloses several apparent in-kind contributions to a federal candidate. An in-kind contribution is defined as a contribution of goods, services or property offered free or at less than the usual and normal charge. The term also includes payments made on behalf of, but not directly to, candidates and political committees. 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(iii). For future reporting, it is recommended that the committee follow the attached example for the proper method of reporting in-kind contributions.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. 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 need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,


Christopher Morse
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page	FOR LINE NUMBER: (check only one)	PAGE 7 / 10
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21b <input type="checkbox"/> 22 <input type="checkbox"/> 23 <input type="checkbox"/> 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 <input type="checkbox"/> 27 <input type="checkbox"/> 28a <input type="checkbox"/> 28b <input type="checkbox"/> 28c <input type="checkbox"/> 29	

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
American Success Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle initial)		Date of Disbursement	
A. David Dreier		04 / 01 / 2002	
Mailing Address 237 Cannon House Office Bldg.		Amount of Each Disbursement This Period	
City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20515	1002.70
Purpose of Disbursement Food and beverage expenses		Category/ Type	
Candidate Name David Dreier			
Office Sought: House Senate President	Disbursement For: Primary Other (specify) ▼	Transaction ID: Disb00010423W&J001	
State: District:			
Full Name (Last, First, Middle initial)		Date of Disbursement	
B. David Dreier		04 / 09 / 2002	
Mailing Address 237 Cannon House Office Bldg.		Amount of Each Disbursement This Period	
City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20515	1803.34
Purpose of Disbursement Food and beverage expenses		Category/ Type	
Candidate Name David Dreier			
Office Sought: House Senate President	Disbursement For: Primary Other (specify) ▼	Transaction ID: Disb0010602W&J001	
State: District:			
Full Name (Last, First, Middle initial)		Date of Disbursement	
C. David Dreier		04 / 24 / 2002	
Mailing Address 237 Cannon House Office Bldg.		Amount of Each Disbursement This Period	
City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20515	4597.76
Purpose of Disbursement PAC Lodging/Donor gifts		Category/ Type	
Candidate Name David Dreier			
Office Sought: House Senate President	Disbursement For: Primary Other (specify) ▼	Transaction ID: Disb0010777W&J001	
State: District:			
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional):		7403.86	
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only):			

4. Itemized Disbursements: Schedule B

When to Itemize Disbursements

Regardless of Amount

Several types of disbursements must be itemized regardless of amount:

- Transfers to affiliated BSFs;
- Contributions to candidates and political committees;
- Loan repayments; and
- Loans made by the BSF.

Note that refunds of contributions (Line 2d on the Detailed Summary Page) must be itemized on Schedule B only if the incoming contribution had to be itemized on Schedule A, as explained earlier in this chapter.

Other Disbursements: \$200 Threshold

A disbursement that does not fall under one of the categories listed above (such as a donation to a nonfederal candidate) must be itemized if it exceeds \$200 when aggregated with other disbursements made to the same payee during the calendar year.

How to Itemize Disbursements

Categorizing Disbursements

Before beginning to itemize the committee's disbursements, separate them into the different categories listed on the Detailed Summary Page ("Operating Expenditures," "Contributions to Federal Candidates," etc.; an illustration of a completed Detailed Summary Page appears on pages 54-55). The disbursements in each category must be itemized on a separate Schedule B designated for that category.

Indicate the type of disbursement itemized on a particular Schedule B by checking the appropriate box for the corresponding line number from the Detailed Summary Page in the upper right corner of the schedule.

Some categories may require several pages. The total for each category should be entered on the bottom line of the last page for that category.

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Disclosure of In-Kind Contribution Made

SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 300) ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedules for each category of the Detailed Summary Page		2001 LINE NUMBER: (Page 1 of 1) Which day (2001)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01 <input type="checkbox"/> 02 <input type="checkbox"/> 03 <input type="checkbox"/> 04 <input type="checkbox"/> 05 <input type="checkbox"/> 06 <input type="checkbox"/> 07 <input type="checkbox"/> 08 <input type="checkbox"/> 09 <input type="checkbox"/> 10
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Name or Committee (b)(1)(B)		
Critical Reasons Inc. (b)(1)(B) P.O. Box 1234, Washington, DC 20001		
A. Grand Plaza Hotel Address: 18 Constitution Street City: Washington, D.C. Zip: 20001		Date of Disbursement 01/01/2001
Amount of Disbursement: Reception Constituent Name: Sam Jones Category Type: Other (b)(1)(B)		Amount of Each Disbursement (in Dollars) 375.40
Date Disbursed: 01/01/2001 Disbursement Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Other (b)(1)(B)		Other (b)(1)(B)
Amount Total: 375.40		

Additional Reporting of Payment to Vendor – If Made After Goods/Services Provided

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Amount of Disbursement: Reception Constituent Name: Sam Jones Category Type: Other (b)(1)(B)		Amount of Each Disbursement (in Dollars) 975.40
Date Disbursed: 01/01/2001 Disbursement Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Other (b)(1)(B)		MEMO# (In blank: see Schedule B, Line 2d) ^b
Amount Total: 975.40		

^aWhen using FECDB, "MEMO" is entered automatically by checking the related dialog box.

^bUsing FECDB, enter information here using "memo text" field. See page 48.

Itemized Information

Itemized disbursement information includes:

- Name of payee;
- Address of payee;
- Purpose of disbursement (a brief but specific description of why the disbursement was made—see Schedule B instructions and 104.3(b)(3)(K)(B));
- Category Code (see instructions for Schedules B and E);
- Date of payment; and
- Amount.
104.3(b)(3); 104.8.

Additional Information on Candidates

Further information is required when itemizing a contribution to a candidate committee on Schedule B. Include the candidate's name and the office sought (including the state and, if applicable, Congressional district). When itemizing a contribution or loan to a candidate committee, specify the election for which the payment was made by checking the appropriate category in the election designation box, 104.3(b)(3)(V). See adjacent illustrations.

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