



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

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April 17, 2003

Jeffrey T. Benton, Treasurer
Buckeye State PAC
P.O. Box 29343
Columbus, OH 43229

Identification Number: C00366781

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02)

Dear Mr. Benton:

This letter is to inform you that as of April 16, 2003 the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated March 26, 2003. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by May 7, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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 have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Maureen Benitz on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division), our local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John D. Gibson".

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

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Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or 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 transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report 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, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your report discloses no payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Any such payments to a person aggregating in excess of \$200 in a calendar year must be disclosed on Schedule(s) B supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5) If these expenses are being paid by a connected organization, your Statement of Organization must be amended to reflect this relationship. 2 U.S.C. §433(b)(2) In addition, if expenses have been incurred but not paid in a reporting period, the activity should be disclosed as a debt on Schedule D, if the obligation is \$500 or more, or outstanding for sixty days or more. 11 CFR §104.11

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

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Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the non-election year. Please verify that all expenses referenced above (i.e., rent, salaries, utilities, etc.) have been adequately disclosed. If these services have been provided by volunteers, please confirm this in writing.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to Federal candidates and committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

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,



Maureen Benitz
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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ITEMIZED RECEIPTS**

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Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be said or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Buckeye State PAC

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Delena Ciarracco

Date of Receipt
M M / D D / Y Y Y Y
08 / 28 / 2002

Mailing Address
881 East Johnstown Road

City State Zip Code
Gahanna OH 43230

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
1000.00

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Name of Employer Occupation
Self Realtor

Receipt For: 2002
Primary General Other (specify)

Aggregate Year-to-Date **1000.00**

Transaction ID: **SA11A1.4286**

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Timothy Desweiser

Date of Receipt
M M / D D / Y Y Y Y
04 / 02 / 2002

Mailing Address
1472 Hidden Oaks Lane

City State Zip Code
Liberty Township OH 45011

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
1000.00

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Name of Employer Occupation
Best Efforts

Receipt For: 2002
Primary General Other (specify)

Aggregate Year-to-Date **1000.00**

Transaction ID: **SA11A1.4284**

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Mr. John Johnson, II

Date of Receipt
M M / D D / Y Y Y Y
04 / 20 / 2002

Mailing Address
8724 Olds Worthington Road

City State Zip Code
Westerville OH 43082

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
5000.00

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Name of Employer Occupation
Sturdy Wall, LLC President

Receipt For: 2002
Primary General Other (specify)

Aggregate Year-to-Date **5000.00**

Transaction ID: **SA11A1.4283**

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SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)	7000.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)	7000.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Suckeye State PAC

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Mr. Charles Hinson

Mailing Address
4520 Kitzmiller Road
City: New Albany State: OH Zip Code: 43054

Date of Receipt
M M / D D / Y Y Y Y
08 / 22 / 2002

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
500.00

Name of Employer: Retired Occupation: Retired Contribution

Receipt For: 2002 Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼
Primary X General 500.00
Other (specify) ▼

Transaction ID: SA11A1 4321

B. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Mrs. Lisa Hinson

Mailing Address
7518 Ogden Woods
City: New Albany State: OH Zip Code: 43054

Date of Receipt
M M / D D / Y Y Y Y
08 / 15 / 2002

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
500.00

Name of Employer: Hinson LTD Public Relations Occupation: President Contribution

Receipt For: 2002 Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼
Primary X General 500.00
Other (specify) ▼

Transaction ID: SA11A1 4323

C. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Mr. John Johnson, II

Mailing Address
8724 Olde Worthington Road
City: Westerville State: OH Zip Code: 43082

Date of Receipt
M M / D D / Y Y Y Y
07 / 05 / 2002

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee.

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
5000.00

Name of Employer: Sturdy Wall, LLC Occupation: President Contribution

Receipt For: 2002 Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼
Primary X General 10000.00
Other (specify) ▼

Transaction ID: SA11A1 4326

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