



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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**Response Due Date**  
**03/11/2019**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00486860

REFERENCE: AMENDED OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2018 - 09/30/2018),  
RECEIVED 12/06/2018

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 enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(f)) and 11 CFR §§110.1(d) and 110.2(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must 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.

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

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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 promptly 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.

2. On Schedule B, you have disclosed disbursements to federal candidate committees. Commission regulations require that these itemized disbursements include the recipient's full name, complete address, date, amount, state of election, office sought (House, Senate, or President), and district (if applicable). Please amend your report to include the state of election, office sought (House, Senate, or President), and district. (11 CFR §104.3 (b)(3))

**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 additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me

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on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1169.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Fortkiewicz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K' and 'F'.

Kevin Fortkiewicz  
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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**Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions**  
**MIDDLE CLASS AMERICA PAC (C00486860)**

**Excessive Contributions from Committees**

<b>Contributor Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Report</b>
BLUE DOG POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	6/18/18	\$5,000.00	2018 July Quarterly
BLUE DOG POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	7/11/18	\$5,000.00	2018 October Quarterly