



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

RQ-2

March 17, 2006

Joseph Whittles, Treasurer  
International Union of Operating  
Engineers Lo 825 Political Action  
and Education Committee  
65 Springfield Avenue  
Springfield, NJ 07081

**Response Due Date:**  
**April 17, 2006**

Identification Number: C00017194

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/05-12/31/05)

Dear Mr. Whittles:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page discloses \$176,234.54 in unitemized receipts from individuals/persons other than political committees during the reporting period. Please clarify whether this figure includes any receipts from a single source that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year. If this is the case, please amend your report(s) by itemizing the receipts on Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i). 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(2)(A) and (3)(A)

-Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "Mailing Costs." If a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) and voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for

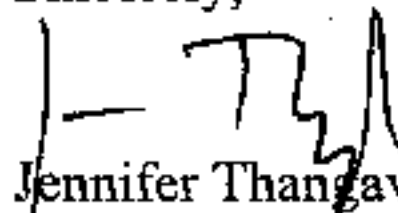
28039014114

Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** 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 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) 694-1143.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Thanavelu  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

26039014116