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**Response Due Date**  
**11/26/2018**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00544957

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2018 - 06/30/2018)

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 B 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(a) (formerly 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 promptly 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

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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. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

2. Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2018 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. (11 CFR §§110.1(b)(3) and 110.2(b)(3))

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund 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. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly 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 this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this**

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**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 on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1162.

Sincerely,



Michael-Ann Henry  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

**Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions  
USACS PAC (C00544957)**

**Contributions Made After Election Date**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Election</b>	<b>Election (State-Date)</b>
FRIENDS OF RAJA FOR CONGRESS	6/22/18	\$2,000.00	P2018	IL-3/20/18
BERA FOR CONGRESS	6/27/18	\$2,500.00	P2018	CA-6/5/18

**Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Election</b>	<b>Report</b>
BEN CARDIN FOR SENATE, INC.	3/10/17	\$2,000.00	*P2018	2017 Mid-Year
BEN CARDIN FOR SENATE, INC.	4/3/18	\$5,000.00	P2018	2018 July Quaterly
SINEMA FOR ARIZONA	11/30/17	\$2,500.00	*P2018	2017 Year End
SINEMA FOR ARIZONA	1/31/18	\$2,500.00	P2018	2018 April Quarterly
SINEMA FOR ARIZONA	6/27/18	\$5,000.00	P2018	2018 July Quarterly

\*Schedule B of your report discloses this contribution as designated to the 2017 Primary election; however, this candidate did not participate in a Primary election in 2017. Therefore, this contribution has been attributed to the next scheduled Federal election for this candidate, the 2018 Primary (11 CFR §110.2(b)(ii)).