



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 30, 2009

Mr. Benedict Cozzi, Treasurer
Operating Engineers Local 478 Political Action
Committee (OE478PAC)
1965 Dixwell Ave
Hamden, CT 06514

Response Due Date:
November 4, 2009

Identification Number: C00434076

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/09-6/30/09)

Dear Treasurer:

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. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 items:

1. Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses receipts identified as "Various Small donations, Local 478 Members." Please be advised that federal regulations require the itemization of all contributions from individuals/persons that aggregate greater than \$200 in the calendar year. Contributions from individuals/persons that aggregate \$200 or less need only be disclosed on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page.

Please clarify whether the receipts disclosed on Schedule A includes any contributions that aggregate greater than \$200 from an individual/person in the calendar year. If this is the case, please amend your report by itemizing the contributions from each individual/person on Schedule A. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)

2. Schedule B of your report (see 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 national political party in excess of \$15,000 in a calendar year.

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

If you have made an excessive contribution, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$15,000. The refund of the excessive amount must be made within sixty (60) days of receipt of the contribution.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund 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.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive contribution(s), prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration.

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. 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) 694-1393.

Sincerely,

Debbie Charona

for: Sylvette Garnes
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report	Contributing Affiliate
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee	3/11/09	\$15,000	N/A	Mid-Year	International Union of Operating Engineers – Local 101 Political Action Committee
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee	4/16/09	\$3,250	N/A	July Quarterly	N/A

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