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Response Due Date
02/07/2024

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00506048

REFERENCE: AMENDED OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2023 - 09/30/2023),
RECEIVED 12/12/2023

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

1. Schedule B of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). The Act precludes an authorized or principal campaign committee from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. (11 CFR §§ 102.12(c) and 102.13(c))

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

If the contribution made was excessive, you must notify the recipient committee and either request a refund or redesignate (if applicable) the amount in excess of \$2,000.

If requesting a refund, you also must inform the Commission in writing of such a refund and provide a photocopy of any refund request sent to the recipient committee. The refund must appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

In regard to redesignations, you can authorize the recipient committee to redesignate the excessive portion of the contribution to another election

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provided the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that particular election. Also, the redesignation must be done within 60 days of the contribution being received by the recipient committee. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election provided the recipient committee has net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i)) If the above conditions for redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded to your committee. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(3).

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action to either redesignate or obtain a refund of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule B of your report discloses disbursements with the purpose of "Voided Check - check not cashed." Please be advised that if the committee received goods or services from a vendor without making any payment for the services rendered, the committee may be in receipt of a prohibited contribution. 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations. Any prohibited contribution must be refunded or disgorged. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1) and (2)) The refund must be made within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the possible illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(2)) If the identity of the contributor cannot be determined, the committee must disgorge funds to a governmental entity or to a qualified charitable organization described in 26 U.S.C. § 170(c). (Commission Advisory Opinions 1995-19 and 1991-39). Please take and report corrective action or amend your report if these transactions were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed.

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.**

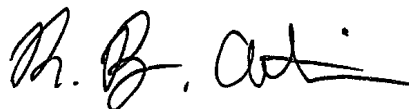
Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. For information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit

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www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information. Should you 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) 694-1196.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Austin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail.

Bradley Austin

Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst

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Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Tom Rice for Congress (C00506048)

Apparent Excessive Contributions to Other Committees

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Chris Christie For President 2024	7/26/23	\$2,500.00	P2024