

May 17, 2006

Andrea Needles  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: I.D. # C00340364

Dear Ms. Needles:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 21, 2006.  
You report in your letter that FEC records show that contributions made by Blue Shield of California, in combination with those made by affiliated PACs, have exceeded the maximum limits in four instances.

Please note the following with regard to each of these cases:

Dreier for Congress Committee and Feinstein for Senate Committee:  
Your records erroneously indicate that Pacificare Health System, Inc., Emp. PAC is an affiliate of ours. Blue Shield of California and Pacificare Health System are not affiliated in any way.

Friends of Max Baucus:  
Excluding the reported contribution from Pacificare Health System PAC, our contribution of \$2,500 on October 10, 2005, exceeds the maximum by \$1500. We made this contribution unaware of the contribution made by WellChoice PAC, which is an affiliated committee. To correct this error, we requested a \$1,500 refund from Friends of Max Baucus.  
(Copies of the letter and refund check will be sent to you by mail.)

Kennedy for Senate 2006:  
The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association PAC informed me that the \$2500 contribution they made on May 12, 2005 was mistakenly reported as a general election contribution. It should have been reported as a contribution of \$1000 to the primary election and \$1500 to the general election. The BCBSA PAC has filed an amendment to correct the error. (A copy of the except from the amended report will be sent to you by mail.) With this correction, Blue Shield of California's December 12, 2005, general election contribution of \$2,000 falls within the limit.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the above.  
I can be reached at 415-229-5891 or tin.nguyen@blueshieldca.com.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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