



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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JAMES CAMPBELL, TREASURER  
HOUSTON FIRE FIGHTERS POLITICAL ACTION  
FUND, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF FIRE FIGHTERS  
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**Response Due Date**  
**07/20/2017**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00203497

REFERENCE: AMENDED OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2016 - 09/30/2016),  
RECEIVED 01/18/2017

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 A (see attached) discloses one or more contributions from an organization, which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In addition, one or more of the contributions appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(f)) precludes a committee and its affiliates from receiving contributions from a person or another committee in excess of \$5,000.00 in a calendar year. Also, in order to make contributions to your committee, organizations which are not political committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution. (11 CFR §102.5(b))

The Commission notes the refund of the prohibited contribution(s) disclosed on your Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/1/16 - 11/28/16), received 1/18/17. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your prompt action in refunding the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule B supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report

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discloses positive entries for voided contributions from non-federal candidates totaling \$4,000. If the check written by your committee was not cashed, you should itemize the voided check on Schedule B supporting Line 29 as a negative entry. Line 17 should be used if the recipient committee cashed your check and wrote a refund on its account. Please amend your report to correct this discrepancy or provide clarification regarding this transaction. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b)(2) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(2)) and 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)(vii))

**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 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) 694-1180.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Tarone  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

**Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions**  
**HOUSTON FIREFIGHTERS POLITICAL ACTION FUND, INTERNATIONAL**  
**ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (C00203497)**

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**Contributions from Unregistered Organizations**

<b>Contributor Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Report</b>
Ernest Bailes Campaign	7/6/16	\$13,500.00	30 Day Post-General Report