



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Response Due Date:
September 2, 2008

Identification Number: C00441105

Reference: July Quarterly Report (5/8/08 - 6/30/08)

Dear Candidate:

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 4 items:

1. Your report contains incorrect Column B figures for Lines 6(a), 6(b), 6(c), 7(a), 7(c), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 11(e), 16, 17, 20(a), 20(d) and 22 of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page information. When aggregating and reporting receipts and disbursements, candidate committees are required to disclose their activity on an election-cycle basis, from 11/8/06 to 11/4/08. Please amend your report to show election cycle-to-date figures for all aggregate amounts. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b))

2. Some of the contributions itemized on Schedule A of your report appear to have incorrect values in the "Election Cycle-to-Date" field. This field should reflect the total amount that the committee received from the contributor in the current election cycle, from 11/8/06 through the date of receipt of the contribution. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(3)) Some of the election cycle-to-date totals reported on your Schedule A do not appear to include all contributions from the contributor received in this election cycle. Failure to correctly total contributions received from a given source in the election cycle could lead to acceptance of excessive contributions by the committee. Please note that this problem frequently occurs when the contributor name is entered in the committee's electronic reporting database more than once using a different spelling and/or format. This prevents the database from properly aggregating contributions from the same individual

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or entity. Entering correct election cycle dates and ensuring that the name of each contributor is entered into the database only once would help avoid election cycle-to-date errors. When reporting contributions from political action committees, using the contributor's FEC identification number will help prevent duplicate entries.

Please review your procedures for compliance with this requirement and amend your report(s) as necessary. Incorrect aggregate election cycle to date totals for contributors listed on your report include the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reported ECTD Total</u>	<u>ECTD Total Calculated by the FEC</u>
Jerry Conley	5/21/08	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Jerry Conley	5/21/08	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$100.00
Theron McChesney	5/21/08	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Theron McChesney	5/21/08	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Sarah C. Michael	2/10/08	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sarah C. Michael	3/15/08	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sarah Michael	6/26/08	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$750.00
Patrick Sweeney	5/20/08	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Patrick Sweeney	5/21/08	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Gloria Wilkins	5/20/08	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Gloria Wilkins	5/21/08	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$100.00

If you need more information, please contact the undersigned analyst.

3. Schedule A of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48 hour notices regarding "last minute" contributions received by your committee after the close of books for the 12 Day Pre-Primary report (see attached). A principal campaign committee must notify the Commission, in writing, within 48 hours of any contribution of \$1,000 or more received between two and twenty days before an election. These contributions are then reported on the next report required to be filed by the committee. To ensure that the Commission is notified of last minute contributions of \$1,000 or more to your campaign, it is recommended that you review your procedures for checking contributions received during the aforementioned time period. The failure to file 48-hour notices may result in civil money penalties or legal enforcement action. If any contribution of \$1,000 or more was incorrectly

reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. (11 CFR § 104.5(f))

4. Contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees must be itemized when the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in an election cycle. This means that the committee does not have a reporting requirement of a contribution until the aggregate total exceeds the \$200 threshold. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)) Should a committee wish to disclose contributions that do not require itemization, it must do so on a separate Schedule A and report the total amount of the contributions not requiring itemization on Line 11(a)(ii), unitemized contributions, of the Detailed Summary Page information. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(i))

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) 694-1155.

Sincerely,



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