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Brian Jones
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RE: MID-YEAR REPORT (01/01/2013 – 06/30/2013) for C00154104

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for bringing to our attention the concerns of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) related to the contribution by the Colorado Potato Legislative Association (CPLA) on February 19, 2013, to the National Potato Council's Potato Political Action Committee (POPAC). The amount of the contribution was \$3,470.00.

The National Potato Council (NPC) understood CPLA to be registered as an entity recognized by the FEC for the purposes of PAC contributions. In response to your inquiry dated December 4, 2013, we requested clarification from CPLA with respect to this status. To our surprise, we learned that CPLA is not in fact registered with the FEC as a PAC. For your reference, I have included a copy of the letter and accompanying material the NPC received as an explanation.

To correct the oversight, we have issued a refund check in the amount in question to CPLA. A copy of the check is also included with this letter for your records. We have also prepared an amended 2013 Mid-Year Report in accordance with your December 4 letter.

Thank you again for bringing this issue to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if you require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

John Keeling

Executive Vice President and CEO
National Potato Council

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Mr. John Keeling
National Potato Council
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Dear John,

I am writing in response to your inquiry into the contribution sent to the National Potato Council POPAC committee from the Colorado Potato Legislative Association (CPLA). While I am not directly involved with the inner workings of CPLA I have made inquiries to gather the information you needed to answer the Federal Election Commission's request of you.

I have learned that CPLA is a non-profit 501(c) 6 corporation that was founded in 1973 as the San Luis Agricultural Protection Society. In The original purpose of the organization was to organize San Luis valley potato growers in fighting what they believed to be unjust rail tariffs. This entity had to be created because fighting the tariff involved hiring both a lobbyist and lawyers which the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee is not allowed to do as a state and federal marketing order.

The name of the organization was changed in March 2004 to the Colorado Potato Legislative Association and was registered with the Colorado Secretary of State as a non-profit corporation at that time. To the best of my knowledge I do not believe CPLA has been registered as a political action committee with either the state of Colorado or the FEC. In my inquiries with the Colorado secretary of state's office it appears to me that CPLA needs to register with both the state and the FEC, although that is not the only mission of CPLA.

I do know that CPLA has three individuals registered with the state of Colorado on the articles of incorporation. Of these 3 individuals one is now deceased, one is no longer associated with the potato business or agriculture, and the other individual is currently in Mexico and I was unable to contact him. This has made my inquiries difficult at best.

Because I have been encouraging our potato growers in the San Luis valley to support the National Potato Council PAC since I began working here in 2006 and have worked with CPLA to direct these contributions I will do what I can to see that CPLA gets registered as needed and re-organizes their leadership as soon as practical.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns and I will do my best to answer them. I have included some attachments as further information.

Sincerely,

Jim Ehrlich-Executive Director

Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, Area II

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A
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Pursuant to § 7-122-102 and part 3 of article 90 of title 7, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), these Articles of Incorporation are delivered to the Colorado Secretary of State for filing.

1. The entity name of the nonprofit corporation is: San Luis Agricultural Protection Society
The entity name of a nonprofit corporation may, but need not, contain the term "corporation", "incorporated", "company", or "limited" or any abbreviation of these terms. §7-90-601(3)(b), C.R.S.
2. The address of the initial principal office of the nonprofit corporation is: (Primary) P.O. Box 487, Monte Vista, CO 81144 (Alternate) 7010 Lane 11 North, Hooper, CO 81136
3. The name, and the business address, of the initial registered agent for service of process on the nonprofit corporation are: Name Claudia J. Robinson
Business Address *(must be a street or other physical address in Colorado)* 7010 Lane 11 North, Hooper, CO 81136
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4. The nonprofit corporation (v check appropriate box)
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5. The provisions not inconsistent with law regarding the distribution of assets on dissolution are as follows: Any assets that the Corporation has at the time of dissolution will be distributed to the public or another charitable organization.
6. The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) is(are):

<u>Monte Smith</u> Name	<u>11416 County Road FF, Blanca, CO 81123</u> Address
<u>Thomas R. Ford</u> Name	<u>10 Shadow Wood Place, Alamosa, CO 81101</u> Address
<u>Claudia J. Robinson</u> Name	<u>7010 Lane 11 North, Hooper, CO 81136</u> Address

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Pursuant to § 7-130-105 and part 3 of article 90 of title 7, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), these Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation are delivered to the Colorado Secretary of State for filing.

1. The entity name of the nonprofit corporation is: San Luis Agricultural Protection Society

(If this amendment includes a change of name for the corporation, indicate the corporation name PRIOR to this amendment)

2. Text of the amendment adopted (attach additional sheets if needed): Name Change to Colorado Potato Legislative Association

3. The amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was adopted on February 19, 2004 in the manner indicated below *(mark appropriate procedure)*:

The amendment was adopted by the board of directors or incorporators without member action and member action was not required

The amendment was adopted by the members AND the number of votes cast for the amendment by each voting group entitled to vote separately on the amendment was sufficient for approval by that voting group

An approval of the amendment was obtained by some person or persons other than the members, the board of directors, or the incorporators required pursuant to § 7-130-301 C.R.S.

4. The (a) name or names, and (b) mailing address or addresses, of any one or more of the individuals who cause this document to be delivered for filing, and to whom the Secretary of State may deliver notice if filing of this document is refused, are: Eugene L. Farish, P.C., P.O. Box 430, Monte Vista, CO 81144

Please refer to § 7-90-301 (8), C.R.S

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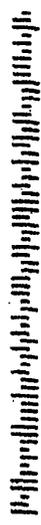
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