



Amalgamated Transit Union

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Office of the International Secretary-Treasurer

November 22, 2005

Bradley Decker
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20016

Re: Amalgamated Transit Union - COPE
FEC ID #C00032995

Dear Mr. Decker:

This is in response to your letter, received in this office on November 18, 2005, regarding information which appeared on the Amalgamated Transit Union-COPE Voluntary Account (FEC #C00032995) November Monthly Report. Specifically, your letter requests information regarding the efforts of this committee to correct an excessive contribution made to the New Jersey State Democratic Party's Victory 2005 federal fund on October 27, 2005.

Please be advised that a stop payment was issued for this check on November 15, 2005, immediately after this committee became aware of the mistake. Victory 2005 was notified by phone at that time that the stop payment was being issued and we have subsequently sent the committee a letter detailing the same.

Attached is a copy of the letter to Victory 2005, a copy of the stop payment confirmation from our bank and a copy of the electronic note on this matter sent to the FEC via our FEC filing software.

If you require any additional information, please contact Karen Head, ATU Director of Political and Regulatory Affairs, at 202-537-1645.

Trusting this responds to your concerns, I remain,

Sincerely,

Oscar Owens
International Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosures

c: Karen Head, ATU Director of Political and Regulatory Affairs
Ann Washenko, COPE Administrator

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Office of the International Secretary-Treasurer

November 22, 2005

New Jersey State Democratic Committee
Victory 2005
150 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you may be aware, this office mistakenly sent you a check for \$5,000 on October 27, 2005, made payable from the ATU-COPE Voluntary Account and designated for the Victory 2005 federal account. Since ATU-COPE had already contributed \$5,000 to the Victory 2005 federal account, the second contribution was in excess of the federal contribution limitations.

In light of this mistake, this office has issued a stop payment on check number 3572, dated October 27, 2005. On November 7, 2005, this office issued a new check for \$5,000 made payable from the ATU-COPE Special Holding Account and designated for the Victory 2005 state account.

A copy of this correspondence is being forwarded to the Federal Election Commission. I ask that you please take the necessary actions on your end to correct this inadvertent mistake.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely,

Oscar Owens
International Secretary-Treasurer

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c: Karen Head, ATU Director of Political and Regulatory Affairs
Ann Washenko, COPE Administrator

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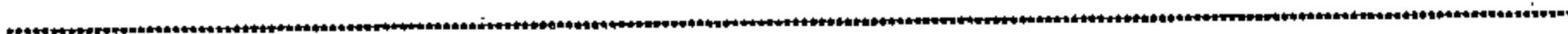
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RE: Amalgamated Transit Union - COPE
FEC ID #C00032995

This is in response to the November 16, 2005 letter regarding our check issued to the New Jersey Democratic State Committee/Victory 2005. Please be advised a stop payment was issued for this check on November 15, 2005 and will be reported as such on the December 2005 report. Additionally, a letter is being sent to the committee informing them of our actions.

We are sending the FEC, under separate cover, a copy of the stop payment confirmation from our bank and a copy of our letter to the New Jersey Democratic State Committee/Victory 2005.

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WASHINGTON, DC 20036-0748

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WASHINGTON D.C.
ACCOUNT #

AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION
COPE ACCOUNT-VOLUNTARY FUND
5025 WISCONSIN AVE NW
WASHINGTON DC 20016-4121

AS OF 11/15/05

STOP PAYMENT ADVICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS OF 11/15/05 AT 13:45, WE HAVE PLACED A STOP PAYMENT BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY YOU:

- 1. THE CHECK SERIAL NUMBER WAS 3572
- 2. THE AMOUNT WAS \$5,000.00
- 3. THE DATE WAS 10/27/05
- 4. THE PAYEE WAS Victory 2005
- 5. THE REASON WAS ITEM LOST

THIS STOP PAYMENT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 05/17/06. REPORT ANY CANCELLATION INSTRUCTION OR INCORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHECK(S) INVOLVED VIA THE COUPON BELOW. RETURN THE SIGNED COMPLETED COUPON TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS OR CALL CITIPHONE BANKING AT 1-800-274-6660 FROM ANY AREA CODE IN THE TRI-STATE AREA. WHEN CALLING FROM AREA CODES 609/908 CALL 1-800-274-6660. PLEASE CALL 1-800-945-0258 IF YOU USE A TDD (TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE FOR THE DEAF).

SERVICE CHARGE

SERVICE CHARGES WERE WAIVED

STOP PAYMENT AGREEMENT

BY GIVING CITIBANK THE STOP PAYMENT ORDER DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE ACCOUNT OWNER AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1) EFFECTIVE PERIOD- THE STOP PAYMENT ORDER WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 05/17/06 ONLY, UNLESS THE ACCOUNT OWNER RENEWS IT IN WRITING.
- 2) REPAYMENT- THE ACCOUNT OWNER WILL REPAY CITIBANK FOR ANY LOSS OR EXPENSE IT INCURS IN STOPPING PAYMENT AS REQUESTED.
- 3) INCORRECT/INCOMPLETE DESCRIPTION- CITIBANK WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IF IT FAILS TO STOP PAYMENT ON A CHECK WHICH HAS NOT BEEN CORRECTLY OR COMPLETELY DESCRIBED, OR IF IT STOPS PAYMENT ON A DIFFERENT CHECK BECAUSE OF AN INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE DESCRIPTION.
- 4) NOTIFICATIONS- THE ACCOUNT OWNER WILL NOTIFY CITIBANK PROMPTLY IN WRITING IF THE CHECK IS FOUND, RETURNED OR DESTROYED, OR IF THE ACCOUNT OWNER WISHES TO CANCEL THE STOP PAYMENT ORDER FOR ANY REASON.
- 5) REPLACEMENT CHECK- THE ACCOUNT OWNER WILL NOT WRITE ANOTHER CHECK USING THE SAME DATE AND NUMBER, AND WILL WRITE "REPLACEMENT CHECK" ON THE FRONT OF ANY CHECK WRITTEN IN THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CHECK WHICH HAS BEEN STOPPED.

TEAR OFF AT PERFORATION

STOP IDENTIFICATION - ACCOUNT:

STOP REF: 00511150225

CHANGE THE STOP PAYMENT ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

- () CANCEL THIS STOP PAYMENT ORDER.
- () CHANGE THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHECK(S):

SERIAL NUMBER(S): _____ AMOUNT: _____

DATE: _____ PAYEE: _____

DATE: _____ CUSTOMER SIGNATURE: _____

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COPE VOL, Account #

I'm ready to attempt stop payment on this check.

Check Number:	3572
Amount:	\$5,000.00
Date:	October 27, 2005
Payee:	Victory 2005
Reason for stop:	Lost
Stop Payment Fee:	\$0.00

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STOP PAYMENT ON SINGLE CHECK

COPE VOL, Account #

I will do my best to stop payment on check 3572.

Please Note: Your stop payment will be in effect for 06 months.

Stop Payment Fee Charged: \$0.00

[Stop Another Check](#)

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 16, 2005

Oscar Owens, Treasurer
Amalgamated Transit Union-COPE
5025 Wisconsin Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20016

**Response Due Date:
December 16, 2005**

Identification Number: C00032995

Reference: November Monthly Report (10/1/05 – 10/31/05)

Dear Mr. Owens:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee from making contributions to a state, district or local party committee (combined) in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

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

If you have made an excessive contribution, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000. The refund of the excessive amount must be made within sixty (60) days of receipt of the contribution.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

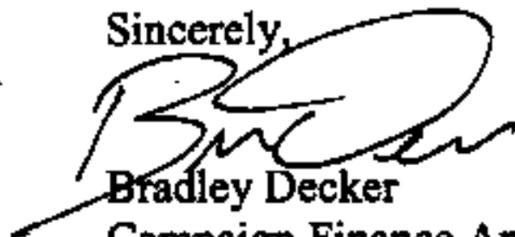
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Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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) 694-1301.

Sincerely,



Bradley Decker
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Report
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	6/20/05	\$5,000	2005 July Monthly Report
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	10/27/05	\$5,000	2005 November Monthly Report

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