



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Response Due Date:
June 6, 2008

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Reference: April Quarterly Report (1/17/08 - 3/31/08)

Dear Treasurer:

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 3 items:

1. Your report contains incorrect Column B figures for Lines 6(a), 6(c), 7(a), 7(c), 11(c), 11(e), 16, 17, 19(a), 19(c), 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. The election cycle-to-date totals for certain entries on your report indicate additional contributions that should have been itemized. When contributions from an individual reach \$200 for an election cycle, each subsequent contribution from that individual must be itemized, regardless of the amount. Additionally, each contribution from a political committee must be itemized, regardless of the amount. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b) and 11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)) Please amend your report to correct the discrepancies in the aggregate totals for the following entries:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reported ECTD Total</u>	<u>ECTD Total Calculated by the FEC</u>
Atkins, Clint	3/31/08	\$500.00	\$5,625.00	\$500.00
Blair, John	3/25/08	\$500.00	\$3,250.00	\$500.00
Boddy, Byron & Shirley	3/25/08	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
Eades, David	3/25/08	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$500.00
Finnegan, James	11/21/06	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Finnegan, James	8/21/07	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Finnegan, James	3/25/08	\$75.00	\$625.00	\$325.00
Frederick, Bob	3/31/08	\$500.00	\$6,229.00	\$500.00
Gordon, Don	3/31/08	\$75.00	\$800.00	\$75.00
Greene, Julia	3/25/08	\$250.00	\$525.00	\$250.00
Hays, Craig	3/25/08	\$250.00	\$2,200.00	\$250.00
Hecker, John & Barbara	3/31/08	\$500.00	\$1,625.00	\$500.00
Kuhl, Dave	3/25/08	\$1,000.00	\$5,425.00	\$1,000.00
Leonard, James	3/31/08	\$250.00	\$2,575.00	\$250.00
Oughton, China Ibsen	3/31/08	\$500.00	\$1,750.00	\$500.00
Scott, Anna Wall	4/11/07	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Scott, Anna Wall	3/25/08	\$75.00	\$3,850.00	\$575.00
Wise, Murray	3/25/08	\$1,000.00	\$4,925.00	\$1,000.00
American Hospital Association PAC	6/1/07	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
American Hospital Association PAC	3/25/08	\$1,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$2,000.00
AMPAC	2/29/08	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
AVMA PAC	3/25/08	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Engineers Political Education Committee	4/11/07	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Engineers Political Education Committee	9/14/07	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Engineers Political Education Committee	2/29/08	\$2,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$7,500.00
Illinois Pork PAC	2/29/08	\$175.00	\$950.00	\$175.00
National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees	2/29/08	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
National Air Traffic Controllers Association	8/20/07	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
National Air Traffic Controllers Association	9/14/07	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
National Air Traffic Controllers Association	3/25/08	\$1,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
NEA PAC	2/29/08	\$1,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$1,000.00

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

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3. Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in an election cycle. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name (initials are not acceptable), complete mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR § 100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(1)) See 11 CFR § 104.7(b)(1)(B) for examples of acceptable statements regarding the requirements of federal law.

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a request via mail, e-mail or telephone documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2)) Follow-up requests should be done, if necessary. These requests must be documented clearly in the form of written records. The requests must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you should either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(4))

Please amend your report to provide the missing information and a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide for Congressional Committees and Candidates.

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) 694-1165.

Sincerely,



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