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Response Due Date
03/18/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00552968

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (08/21/2014 - 09/30/2014)

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. 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 2 item(s):

1. While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) This general election amount must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate did not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors or redesignated to the primary if your committee has net debts outstanding for the primary election. To redesignate a contribution the committee must either (1) obtain signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) redesignate the contribution by presumption to the primary election, for undesignated contributions made after the primary but before the general election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed net debts outstanding for that election. (11

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CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i) and (5)(ii)(C))

Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund or redesignation of any general election contribution. Refunds or redesignations must be done within 60 days after the 2014 Primary Election.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

2. 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. (11 CFR § 104.5(f))

If any contribution of \$1,000 or more was incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

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.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. 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) 694-1187.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Beaufort". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Laura" and last name "Beaufort" clearly distinguishable.

Laura Beaufort
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Missing 48-Hour Notices
Friends of Senator Bob Smith (C00552968)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Griffith, Richard S Mr	8/27/14	\$1,000.00	P, 2014
Bernstein, Richard A	8/29/14	\$1,000.00	P, 2014