



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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November 3, 2010

Steven Rausch, Treasurer
American Academy of Ophthalmology Inc.
Political Committee (OPHTHPAC)
655 Beach Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Response Due Date:
December 8, 2010

Identification Number: C00196246

Reference: 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/10-10/13/10)

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. Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to timely file one or more of the required 48 hour notices for independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 48 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(b), within 48 hours of any independent expenditures aggregating \$10,000 or more with respect to a given election, made any time during the calendar year up to and including the 20th day before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$10,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

2. The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the

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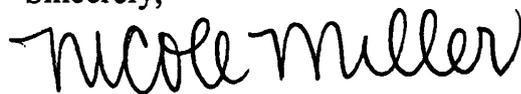
purpose of the expenditure, the date of payment, the amount of payment, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend Schedule E by providing the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate and the calendar year-to-date, per election, for the office sought total. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)

3. Itemized independent expenditures must include a brief statement or description of why the expenditures were made. Please amend Schedule E of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Invoice 10244," and "Invoice 10259 & 10254." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

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) 694-1164.

Sincerely,



Nicole Miller
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Late 48 Hour Notices

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Candidate
DMI	10/1/10	\$64,750	Invoice 10244	Paulsen, Erik Rep.

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