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EDUCATION
555 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NW
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Response Due Date
04/16/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00028860

REFERENCE: AMENDED 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/16/2014 -
11/24/2014), RECEIVED 01/30/2015

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. **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. Schedule A (see attached) discloses a contribution(s) from an individual(s) who has a mailing address outside of the United States of America. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30121(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441e(a)) and 11 CFR §110.20 prohibit foreign nationals from making contributions in connection with any election for political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office.

If the apparently prohibited contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If your committee follows the safe harbor guidelines outlined under 11 CFR §110.20(a)(7) for all contributions received from a foreign address to ensure that the sources of these contributions are not foreign nationals, please provide a detailed description of your procedures. These procedures must be used in all cases where a contributor or donor uses a foreign passport or passport number for identification purposes, provides a foreign address, makes a contribution or donation by means of a check or other written instrument drawn on a foreign bank or by wire transfer from a foreign bank, or resides abroad. A committee is deemed to have conducted a reasonable inquiry into the contributor or donor's

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nationality if you seek and obtain copies of current and valid U.S. passport papers for U.S. citizens. No person may rely on this safe harbor if he or she has actual knowledge that the source of the funds solicited, accepted, or received is a foreign national.

If you have received a contribution from a foreign national, you must refund the impermissible contribution to the donor in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the refund. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 28 (a) of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution(s), prompt action on your part to refund or provide clarifying information concerning these contributions will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a national political party in excess of \$15,000 in a 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 \$15,000. 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 promptly 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.

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

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consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (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) 694-1172.

Sincerely,



Jack Baisden
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions**American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (C00028860)****Contributions from Possible Foreign Nationals**

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
JOHN VONDERLIETH	11/24/14	\$25.00	2014 30 Day Post-General

Excessive Contributions PAC to National Party

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE	1/23/14	\$15,000.00	2014 February Monthly
DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE	10/21/14	\$15,000.00	2014 30 Day Post-General