



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 25, 2018

SARA STEFFENS, TREASURER  
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA-COPE  
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE  
501 THIRD STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20001

**Response Due Date**  
**04/30/2018**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00002089

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017)

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 enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

1. 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 candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

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

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A

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supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

- Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution to "TAMMY FOR ILLINOIS" for the 2018 Illinois Primary election. You have also disclosed "TAMMY DUCKWORTH" for this transaction. However, there is no federal candidate with that name running for election in the state of Illinois in 2018. Please provide further clarification regarding this contribution so that it can be properly attributed. Note, contributions made to non-federal candidates and committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B supporting Line 29.

- For your information and consideration for future filings, Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution to "TAMMY FOR ILLINOIS" designated for "Primary 2018". However, it appears this candidate did not participate in the election indicated. Contributions not designated for a valid election will be attributed to the next election for Federal office in which the candidate is participating. (11 CFR §§ 110.1(b)(2) and 110.2(b)(2)) For future filings, please include valid election designation(s) if applicable.

- For your information and consideration for future filings, Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution to "JAMES MACKLER FOR US SENATE" designated for "Primary 2017." However, Primary elections for Federal offices are not being held in this State/district during 2017. Contributions not designated for a valid election will be attributed to the next election for Federal office in which the candidate is participating. (11 CFR §§ 110.1(b)(2) and 110.2(b)(2)) For future filings, please include valid election designation(s) if applicable.

**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

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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. For additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. 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) 694-1176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Adamsky", with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Adamsky  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

**Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions**  
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**Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Election</b>	<b>Report</b>
FILEMON VELA FOR CONGRESS	2/10/17	\$5,000.00	P2018	2017 March Monthly
FILEMON VELA FOR CONGRESS	12/21/17	\$3,000.00	P2018	2017 Year-End