



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Jerry L. Hullander, Treasurer  
The Carpet and Rug Institute Political Action  
Committee  
310 Holiday Avenue  
Dalton, GA 30720

JAN 15 2003

Identification Number: C00298604

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02)

Dear Mr. Hullander:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a non-multicandidate political committee and its affiliates, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 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.

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If your committee has met the criteria for multicandidate status, please file FEC FORM 1M "Notification of Multicandidate Status" with the Commission. The treasurer must file FEC FORM 1M prior to making a contribution of more than \$1,000 per candidate per election. 11 CFR §102.2(a)(3)

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately 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 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.

-Your report(s) was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report(s) by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d) If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter to reflect this change.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

-For future filings, please note that your committee need only file the pages on which you have itemized activity. Schedules with no activity may be omitted.

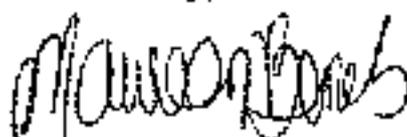
A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its

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entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Maureen Benitz  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)  
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (As Filed)

The Carpet and Rug Institute Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Date of Disbursement

A. Friends of Max Cleland

07/01/2002

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 902

City

Gainesville

State

GA

Zip Code

30503

Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

Purpose of Disbursement

Help elect Max Cleland

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Candidate Name

Max Cleland

Category Type

Office Sought:

House  
 Senate  
 President

Disbursement For:

Primary  General  
 Other (specify) \*

State: GA

District:

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Date of Disbursement

B. Committee for Responsible Senate in Maine

09/07/2002

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 254 126 Western Avenue

City

Augusta

State

ME

Zip Code

04330

Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

Purpose of Disbursement

Help promote Responsible Senate in Maine

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Candidate Name

Category Type

Office Sought:

House  
 Senate  
 President

Disbursement For:

Primary  General  
 Other (specify) \*

State: ME

District:

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Date of Disbursement

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07/01/2002

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Amount of Each Disbursement This Period

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

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Office Sought:

House  
 Senate  
 President

Disbursement For:

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State:

District:

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

TOTAL This Period (add page this line number only)

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