



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Jon B. Weinberg, Treasurer
Ameritas Financial Services Political
Action Committee (FKA Bankers
Life Nebraska PAC)
5900 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

Identification Number: C00187138

SEP 22 2000

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99)

Dear Mr. Weinberg:

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 A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses contributions received through what appears to be a payroll deduction plan. Please amend your report to disclose the frequency of the deduction. 11 CFR §104.8(b) Please refer to the enclosed sample of properly reported payroll deductions.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the address, office sought (House or Senate), and state for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses contributions to federal candidates for which no election designation has been provided. Please note that if no designation is included in your report, the contributions will be attributed to the next upcoming election for the recipient candidate. Thus, for future reporting purposes, it is in your committee's interest to designate the appropriate election in order to avoid the appearance of excessive contributions made to federal candidates by your committee.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A L Kitchen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Antoinette Kitchen
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

SCHEDULE A		ITEMIZED RECEIPTS		Use separate worksheets for each category of the Detailed Summary Page	PAGE	OF
Contributions from Individuals					FORM NUMBER	11(a)(1)
Any information copied from such forms and documents may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any person or committee to solicit contributions from such committee.						
NAME OF COMMITTEE (If Full)						
National Organization PAC 000000001						
4. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code		Name of Employer		Emp. month, day, year	Amount of Each Payment Per Period	
Anne Sullivan 21 18th Street City, State ZIP		National Organization, Inc.		payroll deduction	\$90.00	
Receipt for: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash receipt <input type="checkbox"/> Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Service		Occupation Branch Manager		Aggregate Year-to-Date	(\$18 biweekly)	
285.00						
5. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code		Name of Employer		Emp. month, day, year	Amount of Each Payment Per Period	
Rodney Jones 881 Hainsbury Road City, State ZIP		National Organization, Inc.		payroll deduction	\$180.00	
Receipt for: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash receipt <input type="checkbox"/> Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Service		Occupation Vice President		Aggregate Year-to-Date	(\$20 biweekly)	
380.00						

Itemize payroll deductions only after they have exceeded \$200 per calendar year from an individual.

Payroll Deductions

Once an individual's deductions aggregate over \$200 in a calendar year, report the total amount deducted from the donor's paychecks during the reporting period on Schedule A. In parentheses indicate the amount that was deducted each pay period. Instead of stating a specific date of receipt, write "payroll deduction" under "Date." The other itemized information, including the year-to-date total, must be completed for each donor. 104-B(b).

EXAMPLE: During an election year, a corporate manager authorizes her employer to deduct \$15 per pay period (each pay period is two weeks) for the company's SSF. The SSF, which files FEC reports on a quarterly schedule, includes the manager's first-quarter contributions (\$90 for six pay periods) as "unitemized contributions" on Line 11(a)(ii) in the April quarterly report.

By June 30 (the closing date for the July quarterly report), 13 pay periods have passed, and the manager's aggregate contributions are \$185—still below the \$200 itemization threshold. The manager's second-quarter contributions again are included in "unitemized contributions" in the July report.

By September 30 (the closing date for the October quarterly report), 18 pay periods have passed, and the manager's contributions reach \$285. Now the committee itemizes the total contributions received from the manager during the third quarter (\$90), providing the year-to-date total in the appropriate space. (See item A in the illustration above.)

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