



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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November 23, 2004

Ronald R. Gravino, Treasurer  
Friends of Mike Ferguson  
C/O Ron Gravino  
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Response Due Date:  
December 23, 2004

Identification Number: C00366195

Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/04 - 10/13/04), received  
10/21/04

Dear Mr. Gravino:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits established by the Act. The Act precludes an individual or a political committee from making a contribution to a State party committee in excess of \$10,000.00 per calendar year. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) However, a political committee may make unlimited transfers to a State party committee if the transferred amount is determined to be and disclosed as "transfer of campaign funds" or "excess campaign funds". (11 CFR §113.2(c))

If any apparent excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If the contribution made was excessive, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$10,000.00. You also must inform the Commission in writing of such a refund. The refund must appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

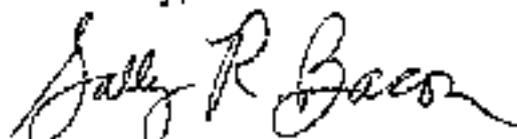
Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to obtain a refund of the excessive contribution amount will be taken into consideration.

-Commission Regulations define the term "purpose" to mean a brief statement or description of why a disbursement was made. Examples are "dinner expense", "media", "salary", "polling", "travel", "party fees", "phone banks", "travel expenses", "travel expense reimbursement" and "catering costs". Examples of election day and voter registration activity include "exit polling", "door-to-door get out the vote", "get out the vote phone calls" and "driving voters to the polls". Unacceptable descriptions, which require additional clarification, include but are not limited to "advance", "consulting", "commission", "contract labor", "retainer", "election day expense", "expenses", "invoice", "support", "expense reimbursement", "miscellaneous", "professional services", "get-out-the-vote", "voter registration", and "fundraising consulting and expenses". (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)(A)) Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions that do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

**Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.**

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) 694-1173.

Sincerely,



Sally R. Bacon  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive and/or Prohibited Contributions

Friends of Mike Ferguson (C00366195)

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P = Primary Election

G = General Election

RECIPIENT NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION
Union County Republican Committee	10/07/2004	\$15,000.00	G2004
Hunterdon County Republican Committee	10/07/2004	\$7,000.00	G2004
Somerset County GOP	10/07/2004	\$5,000.00	G2004
Middlesex County GOP	10/07/2004	\$3,000.00	G2004

