



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 23, 2000

Cassandra Henry, Treasurer
Association of American Railroads
Political Action Committee (RAIL PAC)
50 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Identification Number: C00280743

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

Dear Ms. Henry:

This letter is to inform you that as of March 22, 2000 the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated March 1, 2000. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dominick Ciaraldi on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson".

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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Dear Ms. Henry:

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:

-You must attempt to obtain the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for all individuals who contribute more than \$200 in a calendar year. Please amend your report to include the omitted information.

A committee may establish "best efforts" by providing the Commission with a description of its procedures for requesting the information. It is also in the best interests of the committee to provide a copy of its solicitation. In order to establish "best efforts", the committee must demonstrate that it makes at least one request for the information after the contribution is received. This one request must be made for any solicited or unsolicited contribution that, in the aggregate, exceeds the \$200 threshold and lacks the necessary information.

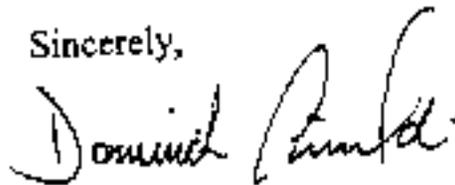
Each solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the information. If a committee receives a contribution that, in the aggregate, exceeds the \$200 threshold but lacks contributor information, the committee must, within 30 days, make a written or oral request for the information. Please note that a written request may not include an additional solicitation or material on any other subject, other than thanking the contributor for the donation, and must include a pre-addressed return post card or envelope for the contributor's response. An oral request must be documented in writing.

Committees must also disclose information that was not provided by the contributor, but is available in any of the committee's records for that current election cycle.

If a committee receives contributor information after the contributions have been reported, the committee shall either a) file with its next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before its next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i) and 11 CFR § 104.7)

A written 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. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Dominick Ciaraldi
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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