



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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May 9, 2013

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**Response Due Date**

**06/13/2013**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00003111

REFERENCE: AMENDED 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/18/2012 -  
11/26/2012), RECEIVED 03/20/2013

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 an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 4 item(s):

1. Schedule A, supporting Line 11(c) of your report discloses transfers, totaling \$14,090.91 from "Target State Victory Fund," that appear to be received through joint fundraising efforts. However, "Target State Victory Fund" is not disclosed as a joint fundraising representative on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your Statement of Organization to disclose the joint fundraising representative or amend your report to provide clarifying information. (11 CFR §102.2)
2. On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to check the appropriate allocated activity or event category box for the payment(s) made to "Michelle Dale," "Mike Quatrano," "Time Warner cable," "Staples Advantage" and "Augustal Fuel Company." Please amend your report to disclose the appropriate category. (11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17)
3. Schedule H4 of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "Reimbursement." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, payment to the original vendors must be itemized as memo entries regardless of amount. Each memo entry must include the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report

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to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. (11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3)

**4.** Please clarify all expenditures made for "Fundraising" on Schedule H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. (11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1)

Alternatively, if the payment(s) on Schedule H4 is associated with fundraising activity conducted for your committee's federal and non-federal accounts, it must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Further, it must be categorized as a fundraising activity on Schedule H4. Please provide clarifying information regarding the nature of this transaction(s) and amend your report(s) as appropriate.

- Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Polling," which appears to be disclosed on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, please be advised that Voter Identification, Generic Campaign and Get-out-the-vote activity conducted in connection with an election in which one or more candidates for Federal office appear on the ballot is considered to be Federal Election Activity and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. (11 CFR §100.24) For your next filing, please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s).

**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 taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

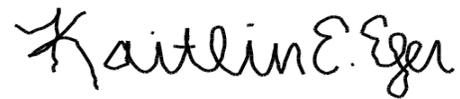
Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please

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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) 694-1143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kaitlin Eger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Kaitlin Eger  
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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