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December 20, 2001

William J. Morrison, Treasurer
Friends of Mike Ferguson
930 Stuyvesant Avenue, Number 17
Union, NJ 07083

Identification Number: C00366195

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/01-6/30/01)

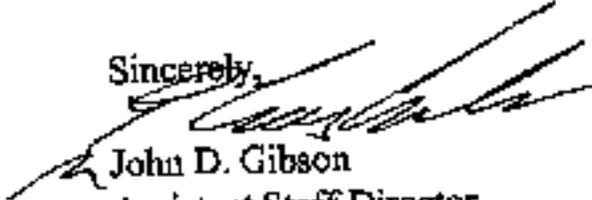
Dear Mr. Morrison:

This letter is to inform you that as of December 19, 2001, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated November 27, 2001. 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).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by January 9, 2002. 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 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, please contact Anne Marie Brady 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,


John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosure



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Dear Mr. Morrison:

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:

-On Schedule B of your report, you have itemized disbursements for which you have failed to include the purpose. Please amend your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4))

-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" and "voter registration". (11 CFR §104.3(b)(4)) Please amend Schedule B of your report to correct the descriptions which do not meet the requirements of the Regulations.

Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e) and (k))

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

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained within sixty (60) days of receipt if, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly designated for a different election, by obtaining signed written authorization from the contributor(s) pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(b)(5) or §110.2(b)(5). Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

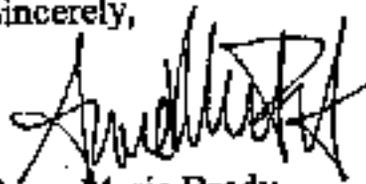
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund and/ or any photocopies of letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR §104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or seek redesignation and/or reattribution of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-For future reports, please be advised that contributions from Indian Tribes must be reported on Line 11(a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page and itemized on an accompanying Schedule A. Line 11(c) should only be used to report contributions from other political committees. (2 U.S.C. §434)

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed electronically 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 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Anne Marie Brady
Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**EXCESSIVE
CONTRIBUTIONS ON
THE 2001 MID-YEAR
REPORT**

**P = Primary Election
G = General Election**

CONTRIBUTOR NAME		DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION
Creamer	J. Fletcher	3/1/2001	1000	P
Creamer	J. Fletcher	3/12/2001	500	P
Estabrook	Kenneth	3/12/2001	1000	P
Estabrook	Kenneth	6/29/2001	1000	P
Fitzpatrick	Michael E.	3/12/2001	1000	P
Fitzpatrick	Michael E.	6/26/2001	200	P
Ferguson	Roberta C.	6/19/2001	1000	P
Ferguson	Roberta C.	6/19/2001	1000	P
Florio	Dale J.	4/18/2001	1000	P
Florio	Dale J.	6/29/2001	250	P
Lane	John	3/01/2001	1000	P
Lane	John	6/30/2001	750	P
Maguire	James J.	6/30/2001	1000	P
Maguire	James J.	6/30/2001	1000	P
Kay Granger Campaign Fund		5/3/2001	1000	P
Kay Granger Campaign Fund		05/03/2001	1000	P
United in Freedom		08/27/2001	1000	P
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