



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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FRIENDS OF BERNIE SANDERS
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Response Due Date

11/09/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00411330

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2015 - 06/30/2015)

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. 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 2 item(s):

1. Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page discloses \$664,976.60 in unitemized receipts from individuals/persons other than political committees during the reporting period. When contributions from an individual reach \$200 for an election cycle, each subsequent contribution from that individual must be itemized, regardless of the amount. The itemization should include the full name, mailing address and zip code of the person, along with the name of his/her employer, the date of the contribution, his/her occupation, the election designation and the election cycle-to-date amount of contributions made by the person. **Please amend your report to provide a Schedule A if necessary, or to clarify that for the contributions in question, the aggregate total for the election cycle for each contributor does not exceed \$200.** (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)(i))

2. Your report appears to disclose interest receipts from Northfield Savings Bank and Vermont Federal Credit Union. These depositories have not been previously disclosed on your Statement of Organization. Commission Regulations require that each political committee disclose the name of all banks or other depositories in which the committee deposits funds, holds accounts, rents safety deposit boxes or maintains funds. Please amend your Statement of Organization to disclose all committee depositories. (11 CFR § 102.2(a)(1)(vi))

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- Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that appears to be disclosed on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, transfers to other authorized committees of the candidate should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the Form 3 instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (11 CFR § 104.3(a) and (b))

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.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. 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) 694-1154.

Sincerely,



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