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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 8, 2004

Lisa Van Varick, Treasurer  
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701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20004

**Response Due Date:**  
**October 8, 2004**

Identification Number: C00095869

Reference: Amended June Monthly Report (5/01/04-5/31/04), received 8/19/04

Dear Ms. Van Varick:

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 discloses an in-kind contribution(s) designated for the general election, but made before the primary election (pertinent portion(s) attached). In-kind contributions of equipment, such as computers, with a long-term useful life (e.g., an election cycle, or perhaps longer) are similar to contributions of money and may be designated for elections beyond the next election, provided the contributor designates the contribution as such in writing. A contribution of this type of equipment is distinguishable from in-kind contributions that are used only for one particular election, such as non-exempt contributions of food or beverages consumed by primary election day workers, or printing or mailing costs related to general election events or fundraisers. Please amend your report to include a description of the nature of the in-kind contribution(s) in question. If the in-kind contribution(s) on your report does not have a "long-term useful life", it may constitute an excessive contribution(s) for the primary election (see Advisory Opinion 1996-29).

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

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If you have made an excessive contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

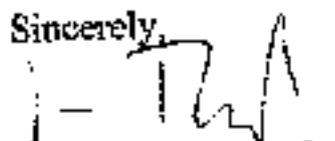
Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be reported on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the Detailed Summary Page of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations should be reported as memo entries on Schedule B of the report covering the period in which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.2(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal steps, prompt action by your committee to refund or seek redesignation of the excessive amount will be considered.

**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) 694-1143.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Thangaveju  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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**In-kind Contributions Designated for General Election but Made Before Primary Election**

Recipient Name	Vendor	Date	Amount	Election	Election State - Date
Richard Burr	Gepetto Catering, Inc.	5/1/04	\$501.88	G2004	North Carolina - 5/4/04
Rick Boucher	J.W. Marriott	5/1/04	\$1,630.67	G2004	Virginia - 6/8/04
Dave Camp	Gepetto Catering, Inc.	5/19/04	\$439.18	G2004	Michigan - 8/3/04
Byron Dorgan	Gepetto Catering, Inc.	5/19/04	\$501.88	G2004	North Dakota - 6/8/04
Christopher Bond	Gepetto Catering, Inc.	5/19/04	\$501.88	G2004	Missouri - 8/3/04

