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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 27, 2004

Jack Eberspacher, Treasurer
Agricultural Retailers Association Political
Action Committee
1156 15th Street NW, Suite 302
Washington, DC 20005

Response Due Date:
November 26, 2004

Identification Number: C00264770

Reference: Amended April Quarterly Report (01/01/03-03/31/03), received 04/16/04

Dear Mr. Eberspacher:

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 A of your report discloses the receipt of funds from your connected organization totaling \$1,100.00. 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations. Under 11 CFR §114.5(b)(3), however, a separate segregated fund may be reimbursed for any solicitation or other administrative expense provided that the reimbursement is made no later than thirty days after the expense was paid by the separate segregated fund.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. Please provide further clarifying information regarding the date(s) on which the committee made payments for any solicitation or other administrative expenses.

To the extent that the reimbursement was made beyond thirty days after the expense was paid, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to

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influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to your connected organization of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from your connected organization for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited 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 copy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfer-out or refund made should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the date on which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to refund or transfer-out the amount will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule A of your report discloses an apparent contribution(s) from a corporation(s) totaling \$24,400.00. You are advised that a contribution from a corporation is prohibited by the Act, unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation. 2 U.S.C. §441b(a)

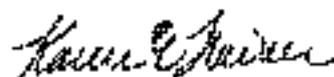
The Commission notes the \$19,325.00 transfer-out of the prohibited receipts to your connected organization on March 4, 2003; however, it appears that there is still \$5,075.00 in prohibited funds for which corrective action has not been taken by your committee. Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any transfer-out or refund. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your prompt action in refunding the prohibited funds will be taken into consideration.

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.

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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) 694-1139.

Sincerely,



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