



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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DAVID RUPPENICKER, TREASURER  
SOUTHEAST COTTON COMMITTEE (SECC)  
SOUTHERN COTTONGROWERS INC/SE  
COTTON GINNERS ASSN  
139 PROMINENCE COURT, STE. 110  
DAWSONVILLE, GA 30534

**Response Due Date**  
**12/29/2020**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00300426

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2020 - 09/30/2020)

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 2 item(s):

1. Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses \$23,267.50 in activity identified as MEMO entries that do not appear to correspond with any itemized transaction(s). Please be advised, a memo entry is used to disclose additional information about an itemized transaction and the amount of a memo entry is not included in the total receipts or disbursements for the report. Please amend your report to provide clarifying information regarding this activity. (11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b))
2. Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2020 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. (11 CFR §§110.1(b)(3) and 110.2(b)(3))

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

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If you have made an impermissible 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. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing the date and method of your remedy (refund or redesignation request) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of the refund and/or redesignation request(s) sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

**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. For information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit [www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees](http://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees). For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit [www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information](http://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information). Should you 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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Romy Adame-Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Romy" being the most prominent.

Romy Adame-Wilson

Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst

**Apparent Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions****SOUTHEAST COTTON COMMITTEE (SECC) SOUTHERN COTTONGROWERS INC/SE  
COTTON GINNERS ASSN (C00300426)****Apparent Contributions Made After Election Date**

| <b>Recipient Name</b>       | <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Election</b> | <b>Election<br/>(State-Date)</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| TUBERVILLE FOR SENATE, INC. | 7/6/20      | \$5,000.00    | P2020           | AL-3/3/20                        |
| THOM TILLIS COMMITTEE       | 7/14/20     | \$1,000.00    | P2020           | NC-3/3/20                        |
| KAPTUR FOR CONGRESS         | 7/16/20     | \$2,000.00    | P2020           | OH-4/28/20                       |
| MIKE ROGERS FOR CONGRESS    | 7/16/20     | \$1,000.00    | P2020           | AL-3/3/20                        |
| MIKE ROGERS FOR CONGRESS    | 8/20/20     | \$1,000.00    | P2020           | AL-3/3/20                        |
| WILSON FOR CONGRESS         | 9/8/20      | \$2,500.00    | P2020           | SC-6/9/20                        |
| DAVID SCOTT FOR CONGRESS    | 9/11/20     | \$2,500.00    | P2020           | GA-6/9/20                        |
| JERRY CARL FOR CONGRESS     | 9/24/20     | \$2,500.00    | P2020           | AL-3/3/20                        |
| ALMA ADAMS FOR CONGRESS     | 9/28/20     | \$1,000.00    | P2020           | NC-3/3/20                        |