



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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May 1, 2016

BENEDICT J. BOWLER, TREASURER
MATSON, INC. FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMITTEE
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OAKLAND, CA 94607

Response Due Date
06/06/2016

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00024752

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (12/01/2015 - 12/31/2015)

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. **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 B of your report (see attached) discloses an apparent excessive contribution(s) made to a federal candidate(s). The Act prohibits a multi candidate committee from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. (52 U.S.C. §30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)))

The Commission notes the receipt of the refund of the excessive contribution(s) on your March Monthly Report (2/1/16-2/29/16). Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

2. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(a)) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

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

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information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount 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 of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request 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 the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

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. 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) 694-1185.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Hay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Samantha Hay
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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**Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions
Matson, Inc. Federal Election Committee (C00024752)**

Excessive Contributions from Individuals

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
SCHATZ FOR SENATE	12/31/14	\$5,000.00	P2016	2014 Year-End
SCHATZ FOR SENATE	12/21/15	\$5,000.00	P2016	2015 Year-End
FRIENDS OF MAZIE HIRONO	4/9/15	\$5,000.00	*P2018	2015 May Monthly
FRIENDS OF MAZIE HIRONO	12/1/15	\$1,346.89	*P2018	2015 Year-End

*Schedule B of your report discloses this contribution as designated to the 2016 Primary election; however, this candidate did not participate in a Primary election in 2016. Therefore, this contribution has been attributed to the next scheduled Federal election for this candidate, the 2018 Primary (11 CFR §110.2(b)(ii)).