



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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January 12, 2007

Bill Combs, Treasurer
21st Century Democrats
1731 Connecticut Avenue NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Response Due Date:
February 12, 2007

Identification Number: C00230342

Reference: Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/06-10/18/06), received
11/29/06

Dear Mr. Combs:

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 an aggregate year-to-date total(s) for a contribution(s) received from United Association Political Education Committee which appears to be incorrect. Please amend your report to provide the correct aggregate year-to-date total(s).

-Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §§110.1(d) and 110.2(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

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

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11

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CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule H4 discloses an expenditure(s) for "Free Media Radio Interview Tour." Please be advised that public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) and voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page.

Furthermore, the costs for public communications and voter drive activity that refer to one or more clearly identified Federal candidates must be paid for with 100% federal funds. It appears that you have allocated these costs between federal and non-federal funds. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for public communications and voter drive

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activity referencing a clearly identified Federal candidate is not permissible and must be returned. 11 CFR §106.6(f)

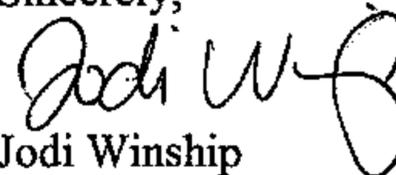
Please clarify this activity and amend your report, if necessary, to properly disclose this activity. In addition, please inform the Commission of any corrective action immediately. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this apparent prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Please amend your report by providing the address for each disbursement itemized on Schedule(s) B supporting Line(s) 21(a).

Please note, 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- 1136.

Sincerely,



Jodi Winship

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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| Contributor Name | Date | Amount | Report |
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| United Association Political Education Committee | 05/08/2006 | \$5,000 | 2006 June Monthly |
| United Association Political Education Committee | 10/13/2006 | \$10,000 | 2006 12 Day Pre-General |
| United Association Political Education Committee | 10/13/2006 | -\$5,000* | 2006 12 Day Pre-General |

*Schedule B, supporting Line 29 of the 12 Day Pre-General report discloses a \$5,000 transfer to "21st Century Democrats- Non-Fed Acct" for "Transfer of Excessive UA PAC Contrib."

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