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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 14, 2009

J. Richard Eichman, Treasurer
California Association of Winegrape
Growers - Federal
1325 J Street, Suite 1560
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Response Due Date: November 18, 2009

Identification Number: C00155366

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/09-6/30/09)

Dear Treasurer:

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. 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 item:

-Schedule D of your report discloses a \$3,945.96 debt owed to "California Association of Winegrape Growers." 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits a corporation or labor organization from contributing or expending funds for the purpose of influencing any federal election; however, a connected organization may pay for the solicitation and administrative costs of its separate segregated fund.

Please amend your report to clarify whether the debt owed to your connected organization was for expenditures which were intended to influence federal elections, and provide the dates of the activity conducted by your connected organization. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your prompt action 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.

<u>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.</u> 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, Nicole Dellakbrcs

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