

MISCELLANEOUS TEXT (FEC Form 99)

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY (RHEUMPAC) C00432823

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This form details a negative \$2,500 disbursement to Cathy McMorris Rodgers for Congress (C00390476) from the American College of Rheumatology RheumPAC (C00432823).

RheumPAC wrote a \$ 2,500 contribution check to Cathy McMorris Rodgers on September 25th, 2023. This check, numbered 134, was delivered to the post office by a member of the American College of Rheumatologys finance staff.

Check 134 was stolen en route to its intended recipient, washed, and the payee's name, address, and memo field were changed. It was fraudulently deposited by Ilyas N. Ansari at 338 Highway 99 N, Eugene, Oregon 47402. Bank statements date this activity to October 13th, 2023.

RheumPAC notified the intended payee after becoming aware of the fraud. A new check was written on October 31st, 2023 to the intended recipient.

ACR Operations and Finance filed a fraud claim with Bank of America on December 11th, 2023. The claim is being investigated by a Bank of America fraud prevention and cyber security representative. At the time of writing, the claim remains in progress. The ACR has not initiated a report with law enforcement. This will be done if advised or initiated by Bank of America.

RheumPAC's bank account is classified as a business interest checking account by Bank of America. It is not an analyzed account that can be added to CashPro with treasury services. RheumPAC is unable to change account type and incorporate these services. Staff who view the account will remain vigilant in monitoring the activity of all checks that clear the bank. Staff will also consider other security measures with partners internally across the College.