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MARK SCHWAMBERGER, TREASURER  
STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE  
COMPANY FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION  
COMMITTEE (STATE FARM FEDERAL  
PAC)

**Response Due Date**  
**08/23/2023**

ONE STATE FARM PLAZA C/O MARK SCHWAMBERGER, TREASURER,  
BLOOMINGTON, IL 61710-0001

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00544817

REFERENCE: AMENDED FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT (01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023),  
RECEIVED 03/08/2023

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. Your amended report discloses an increase in disbursements totaling \$12,200 from the amounts disclosed on your original report. Please amend your report or provide clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report. (11 CFR § 104.3)

The Commission notes the memo text attached to your report stating, "In February 2023, the SF Federal PAC discovered that during the January 2023 reporting period, an unknown individual(s) created, forged and cashed three fictitious PAC checks totaling \$12,200. These fictitious checks were presented for payment on 1/9/2023 (Check 9894 issued to Alonzo Filho for \$4,750), 1/17/2023 (Check 9908 issued to McKenzie Whitman for \$4,950) and 1/24/2023 (Check 3893 issued to Marielle Abueg for \$2,500). The Committee does not know if payees are the individuals who conducted the fraudulent activity or if this information is fictitious. The Committee notified their bank, JPMorgan Chase, of the issue on 2/14/2023 and is working to have these fraudulent transactions returned to the Committee. This report documents the disbursement of the fraudulent funds. If any refunds are received, they will be reported on the appropriate monthly report. The Committee discovered this fraudulent activity while completing the monthly bank reconciliation. They are working to establish

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Positive Pay for their account and are researching other fraud prevention measures to try and prevent this type of activity in the future."

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your clarification and any additional clarification you may have will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3

2. Schedule B supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page discloses a disbursement(s) for "fraudulent disbursement" totaling \$12,200. This transaction(s) appears to be related to an apparent unauthorized disbursement of Committee funds. Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this apparent improper use of Committee funds, any further clarifying information that you can provide will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR § 102.9, 102.15, and 104.3)

**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. 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 (RAFI), 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) 694-1140.

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Sincerely,

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

Abigail Capps  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

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