

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 27, 2012

SHAUN MCCUTCHEON, TREASURER CONSERVATIVE ACTION FUND 5011 LAKE CREST CIRCLE HOOVER, AL 35226

Response Due Date 08/01/2012

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00496505

REFERENCE: APRIL QUARTERLY REPORT (01/01/2012 - 03/31/2012)

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 $\underline{3}$ item(s):

1. Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses \$24,000 in activity identified as MEMO entries that do not appear to correspond with any itemized transaction(s). Please be advised, a memo entry is used to disclose additional information about an itemized transaction and the amount of a memo entry is not included in the total receipts or disbursements for the report. Please amend your report to provide clarifying information regarding this activity. (11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b))

2. Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to timely file one or more of the required 24 hour report(s) regarding "last minute" independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 24 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(c), within 24 hours of any independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more with respect to a given election, made between two and twenty days before an election. The report must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$1,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §104.3(b))

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3. Itemized independent expenditures must include a brief statement or description of why the expenditures were made. Please amend Schedule E of your report to clarify the following description(s): "IE in opposition to Spencer Bachus" and "IE in support of Scott Beason." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(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.

<u>Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports)</u> 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) 694-1176.

Sincerely,

Arman Tarzi Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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Late 24 Hour Report (Schedule E) Conservative Action Fund (C00496505)

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Candidate	Report Received
Washington			IE in opposition to		
Political Group	3/8/12	\$26,828.50	Spencer Bachus	SPENCER T III BACHUS	3/11/12
Washington			IE in support of		
Political Group	3/8/12	\$8,373.02	Scott Beason	SCOTT BEASON	3/20/12