

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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December 28, 2000

R. James Huber, Treasurer
National Association of Chain Drug
Stores, Inc. Political Action Committee
P.O. Box 1417-D49
Alexandria, VA 22313

Identification Number: C00022368

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/00-6/30/00)

Dear Mr. Huber:

This letter is to inform you that as of December 27, 2000, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated December 6, 2000. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by January 17, 2001. 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.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Antoinette Kitchen on our tell-free number (800) 424 9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to

reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director

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Enclosure



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Dear Mr. Huber:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B discloses a contribution(s) towards the general election campaign of a Presidential candidate(s). Please note that contributions to Presidential candidates are governed by specific regulations. Please refer to the following explanation of Presidential election financing, and then amend your report to clarify this contribution(s).

All Presidential primary elections held during an election year are considered one election for the purpose of the contribution limits. A multi-candidate committee, therefore may give only \$5,000 to a Presidential candidate's primary campaign, regardless of how many separate state Presidential primaries the candidate participates in. 11 CFR §§110.1(j)(1) and 110.2(i)(1)

In the general election, contributions to Presidential campaigns are not permitted if the candidate receives public funds. (An exception: Political committees may contribute to a publicly funded Presidential nominee's "compliance fund." A compliance fund is used solely for legal and accounting expenses incurred in complying with the election law. Gifts to compliance funds are considered contributions and are subject to usual percandidate, per-election limits.) II CFR §9003.3(a)

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses contributions to Bayou Leader PAC for "W.J. 'Billy' Tauzin, U.S. House 3rd LA", Fund for a Free Market America for "Philip M. Crane, U.S. House 8th IL ", and National Leadership PAC (Federal Fund) for "Charles B. Rangel, U.S. House 15th NY". Please amend your report to clarify the ultimate recipient of these contributions.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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