



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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**Response Due Date**  
**10/23/2012**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00099259

REFERENCE: JULY MONTHLY REPORT (06/01/2012 - 06/30/2012)

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 2 item(s):

1. Schedule H3 of your report discloses a transfer(s) in from a non federal account(s) for "MD-12," "DM-12," and "TM-12" which appears to exceed the permissible amount(s) indicated by your allocation ratio for this activity/event. Please be advised that transfers for allocated activity must not exceed the non federal share of the joint disbursements and that these transfers must be made within a 70 day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after payment to the vendor. (11 CFR §§106.6(e)(2) and 106.7(f)(2)) Please clarify the nature of this transfer(s) in from the non federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account back to your non federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

The Commission notes your memo text which states in part, "All transfers for allocated activity reported on Sch H3 occurred within the 70-day permitted window of time." However the transfers appears to exceed the permissible amount(s) indicated by your allocation ratio for this activity/event.

2. Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) for the "TM-12" activity/event(s) which appears to be using a ratio(s) inconsistent with what is disclosed on Schedule H2. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy. (11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17)

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**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. 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) 694-1164.

Sincerely,

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

Nicole Miller  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division