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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 22, 2009

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Friends of John Thune
200 North Phillips Avenue, Suite L101
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Response Due Date:
October 27, 2009

Identification Number: C00409581

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/09 – 6/30/09)

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. 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 3 items:

**1.** Some of the contributions itemized on Schedule A of your report appear to have incorrect values in the "Election Cycle-to-Date" field. This field should reflect the total amount that the committee received from the contributor in the current election cycle, from 11/3/04 through the date of receipt of the contribution. (11 CFR § 104.3(a)(3)) Some of the election cycle-to-date totals reported on your Schedule A do not appear to include all contributions from the contributor received in this election cycle. Failure to correctly total contributions received from a given source in the election cycle could lead to acceptance of excessive contributions by the committee.

Please review your procedures for compliance with this requirement and amend your report(s) as necessary. Incorrect aggregate election cycle to date totals for contributors listed on your report include the following:

| Name | Date | Amount | Reported ECTD Total | ECTD Total Calculated by the FEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers | 5/26/09 | $1,000.00 | $5,000.00 | $6,000.00 |

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| Everist, Barbara | 6/24/09 | $100.00 | $3,300.00 | $4,800.00 |
| Everist, Thomas | 6/24/09 | $100.00 | $2,883.00 | $4,800.00 |
| Gunderson, Kathy | 6/30/09 | $1,000.00 | $3,800.00 | $4,800.00 |
| Hart, Charles E. | 4/13/09 | $150.00 | $4,800.00 | $4,850.00 |
| Jones, Kenneth E. | 6/30/09 | $550.00 | $3,800.00 | $4,800.00 |
| Kirby, Dan | 6/16/09 | $118.00 | $4,718.00 | $6,718.00 |
| Lien, Charles H. | 4/14/09 | $2,400.00 | $7,200.00 | $8,000.00 |
| Mickelson, G M | 4/14/09 | $100.00 | $4,700.00 | $4,800.00 |

If you need more information, please contact the undersigned analyst.

**2.** The election cycle-to-date totals for certain entries on your report indicate additional contributions that should have been itemized. When contributions from an individual reach $200 for an election cycle, each subsequent contribution from that individual must be itemized, regardless of the amount. Additionally, each contribution from a political committee must be itemized, regardless of the amount. (2 U.S.C. § 434(b) and 11 CFR § 104.3(a)(4)) Please amend your report to correct the discrepancies in the aggregate totals for the following entries:

| Name | Date | Amount | Reported ECTD Total | ECTD Total Calculated by the FEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Butterwick, Darrell | 5/7/09 | $100.00 | $2,092.00 | $1,792.00 |
| Clark, William E. | 5/7/09 | $1,894.00 | $6,594.00 | $3,800.00 |
| Cutler, Richard | 4/14/09 | $500.00 | $1,500.00 | $500.00 |
| Glessinger, Lambert M. | 6/30/09 | $200.00 | $800.00 | $200.00 |
| Jorgenson, Glenn | 4/14/09 | $1,000.00 | $1,290.00 | $1,000.00 |
| Leitzke, Sophie | 5/22/09 | $50.00 | $440.00 | $100.00 |
| Lien, Barbara | 4/14/09 | $2,400.00 | $5,300.00 | $5,660.00 |
| Mcleod, Carlton J. | 5/18/09 | $50.00 | $500.00 | $150.00 |
| Mezzalingua, Daniel N. | 5/15/09 | $1,000.00 | $3,000.00 | $1,000.00 |
| Miller, Stanley C. | 6/30/09 | $40.00 | $360.00 | $40.00 |
| Olander, Richard R. | 6/30/09 | $60.00 | $531.00 | $260.00 |
| Sievert, Charles M. Jr. | 5/7/09 | $500.00 | $2,000.00 | $1,700.00 |
| Target Citizens PAC | 6/9/09 | $3,500.00 | $10,000.00 | $5,000.00 |
| Vanderwoude, John C. | 6/9/09 | $400.00 | $4,500.00 | $2,500.00 |
| XCEL Energy PAC | 6/23/09 | $1,000.00 | $5,000.00 | $3,000.00 |

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**3.** Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report to clarify the attached description: "campaign consultant." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(4)(A).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement published in the Federal Register can be found at http://www.fec.gov/law/policy/purposeofdisbursement/inadequate_purpose_list_3507.pdf.

**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.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. 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) 694-1168.

Sincerely,

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