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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 10, 2004

Barbara Bonfiglio, Treasurer
21st Century PAC
1155 21st Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036

Response Due Date:
April 9, 2004

Identification Number: C00315747

Reference: Amended Year End Report (7/1/03-12/31/03), received 2/16/04

Dear Ms. Bonfiglio:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

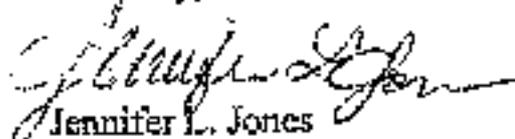
-Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions from an organization(s) which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

The Commission notes the refund of the apparent impermissible funds received from organizations that are not registered political committees. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of impermissible funds, your prompt corrective action will be taken into consideration.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. 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.

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 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1393.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Jones

Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Contributor Name	Date	Amount
The Merit Shop Roundtable	08/27/03	\$5,000.00

