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Dear Laura E. Sinram,

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding Mid-Year Report (1/1/07 - 6/30/07).

ALIPAC discloses yearly contributors that exceed \$200 as required by law.

We make our "Best Effort" to obtain all required information. We rarely have problems gathering the full name, address, city, state, and zip of our contributors.

However, the Occupation and Name of Employer response rates are much lower, due to the documented attacks on employment, which many Americans that have spoken out on the issue of illegal immigration have suffered. Many of our supporters work for federal and state governments and are in the healthcare, law enforcement, and educational fields. To have their occupation listed, may put their jobs at risk due to the hostility and underhanded practices of our opposition.

It is our job to make a best effort, but donors have a right to refuse this information and many do.

ALIPAC raises funds through our website and by contacting prior donors.

Our website has a detailed Privacy Policy and a contributions page.

The contributions page is the first effort, where the following is clearly stated.

"Federal election law requires political committees to use best efforts to report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer of individuals who contribute. An individual may not contribute more than a total of \$5000 per year to the committee. Federal law prohibits contributions to the committee from the general treasury funds of a corporation, labor organizations or national banks (including corporate or other business entity credit cards), from any person contributing another's funds, from a Federal government contractor, or from a foreign national who lacks permanent resident status. Contributions are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes."

The contributor is then presented with fields of information to fill out.

The Occupation and Employer fields must contain some data or the form will not allow a donor to proceed. This is a strong method on our part and has likely cost us many donations, as donors are apt to write "None of your business" into those fields.

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**ETEXT ATTACHMENT**

We make subsequent attempts to gather this information on all donors when we send them letters. Each letter has a reply envelope with our address preprinted on it and a reply card that contains the following required language.

"Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year."

Also, an existing donor of ALIPAC receives these letters twice per year.

We call those that give over \$200 per year on the phone, if they did not provide the employer and occupation information. Sometimes we reach them and they volunteer the information. Sometimes we reach them and they decline to provide this information. Sometimes we cannot reach them or do not hear back from them after leaving a message.

We feel that our dual request for occupation and employer information upon any first donation, insistence that some response be given upon donation, combined with our multiple yearly subsequent requests for the occupation and employer information, combined with attempts to gather the information by phone for our \$200+ donors is quite extensive.

Please let us know if you believe we need to engage in any additional efforts as we want to make sure we are in full compliance with the law, but at the same time we would hate to lose more donations than we already do by pushing for this information that many donors consider to be personal and private or necessarily withheld to protect their employment from harassment.

The "Phone Bank Against Amnesty Bill" calls were made into targeted states asking voters to call Washington, DC and oppose the amnesty bill and no calls were made on behalf of specific candidates.

The "Press Release Service" was for press release distribution related to illegal immigration and not on behalf of a specific candidate. Additionally, we do not use paid press release services for candidate endorsements, instead we use e-mailed press releases and we allow the campaigns to circulate that information.

The "Postage Stamps" are used for correspondence and fundraising and were not used on behalf of a specific candidate.

At ALIPAC, we are proud of the fact that our administrative operating expenses are so low.

This is due to three reasons. 1. Our organization is mostly operated by volunteers. 2. We are very frugal with our limited funds. 3. Our office is in cyberspace, inside of the website [www.alipac.us](http://www.alipac.us), where our officers and volunteers access the equivalents of office resources from home computers, wireless laptops, cyber cafes, and public libraries.

While we realize our structure may be non-traditional, we are an activism PAC that selected the 527 corporation to facilitate our activist efforts and are in new territory with our operations.

All of our operating costs are reflect in line 21(b) of our reports.

We receive no support from any connected organizations.

We have incurred no debts.

All administrative expenses have been adequately disclosed and we will begin to clarify this via letter to your office at the beginning of each non-election year.

Sincerely,

Jane Patterson  
Treasurer  
Americans for Legal Immigration PAC

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