



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 12, 2009

Steven D. Goldenkranz, Treasurer  
Friends of Schumer  
509 Madison Ave, Suite 1902  
New York, NY 10022

Response Due Date:  
April 13, 2009

Identification Number: C00346312

Reference: Year End Report (10/1/08 – 12/31/08)

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. **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 item:

- Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. The Act precludes an authorized or principle campaign committee from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. (11 CFR §§ 102.12(c) and 102.13(c))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If the contribution made was excessive, you must notify the recipient committee and either request a refund or redesignate (if applicable) the amount in excess of \$2,000.

If requesting a refund, you also must inform the Commission in writing of such a refund and provide a photocopy of any refund request sent to the recipient committee. The refund must appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

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In regard to redesignations, you can authorize the recipient committee to redesignate the excessive portion of the contribution to another election provided the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that particular election. Also, the redesignation must be done within sixty (60) days of the contribution being received by the recipient committee. A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election provided the recipient committee has net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 1101.1(b)(3)(i)) If the above conditions for redesignations are not met within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded to your committee. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1).

Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to either redesignate or obtain a refund of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

**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) 694-1165.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Hough  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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**Excessive Contributions**  
**Friends of Schumer (C00346312)**  
**Year End Report (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**

**P = Primary Election**  
**G = General Election**

<b>RECIPIENT NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>ELECTION</b>
Martin for Senate Inc.	11/19/2008	\$5,000.00	G2008, Runoff

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