

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 29, 2018

WARD KENNEDY, TREASURER WESTERN GROWERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE 15525 SAND CANYON IRVINE, CA 92618

Response Due Date 12/03/2018

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00193979

REFERENCE: APRIL QUARTERLY REPORT (01/01/2018 - 03/31/2018)

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. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following  $\underline{1}$  item(s):

1. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. \$30116(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. \$441a(a)) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

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

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are

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received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

- Your report discloses certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, operating expenses should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule(s) B, supporting Line(s) 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C §434(b)) and FORM 3X Instructions)

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.

<u>Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports)</u> 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. For additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. 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) 694-1157.

Sincerely,

Andrea Chamorro Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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## Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions WESTERN GROWERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (C00193979)

Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee				
<b>Recipient Name</b>	Date	Amount	Election	Report
STABENOW FOR US SENATE	11/23/15	\$2,500.00	*P2018	2015 Year-End
STABENOW FOR US SENATE	6/20/17	\$1,500.00	P2018	2017 Mid-Year
STABENOW FOR US SENATE	2/14/18	\$3,500.00	P2018	2018 April Quarterly
MARTIN HEINRICH FOR SENATE	6/11/15	\$1,000.00	*P2018	2015 July Quarterly
MARTIN HEINRICH FOR SENATE	3/1/16	\$1,000.00	*P2018	2016 April Quarterly
MARTIN HEINRICH FOR SENATE	5/24/16	\$500.00	*P2018	2016 July Quarterly
MARTIN HEINRICH FOR SENATE	2/14/18	\$3,500.00	P2018	2018 April Quarterly

## **Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee**

\*Schedule B of your report discloses this contribution as designated to the 2016 Primary election; however, this candidate did not participate in a Primary election in 2016. Therefore, this contribution has been attributed to the next scheduled Federal election for this candidate, the 2018 Primary (11 CFR §110.2(b)(ii)).