



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20541

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February 6, 2003

Jerry L. Hullander, Treasurer
The Carpet and Rug Institute Political Action
Committee
310 Holiday Avenue
Dalton, GA 30720

Identification Number: C00298604

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02)

Dear Mr. Hullander:

This letter is to inform you that as of February 5, 2003 the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated January 15, 2003. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

Due to recent events, the United States Postal Service is experiencing delays in the processing and delivery of mail for the Washington D.C. area. Consequently, the Federal Election Commission is not in receipt of all incoming mail. The Commission recommends that you resubmit your response to this notice and consider using alternate delivery services such as overnight delivery or delivery by courier. If feasible, your response can also be hand-delivered. You can verify the Commission's receipt of any documents submitted by your committee on the FEC website at www.FEC.gov.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by February 26, 2003. 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.



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Dear Mr. Hullander:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a non-multicandidate political committee and its affiliates, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 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.

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If your committee has met the criteria for multicandidate status, please file FEC FORM 1M "Notification of Multicandidate Status" with the Commission. The treasurer must file FEC FORM 1M prior to making a contribution of more than \$1,000 per candidate per election. 11 CFR §102.2(a)(3)

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately 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 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.

-Your report(s) was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report(s) by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d). If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter to reflect this change.

-For your information, all contributions received that aggregate \$200 or less per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(ii). Contributions received aggregating over \$200 per individual for the calendar year should be reported on Line 11(a)(i) and itemized on Schedule A.

-For future filings, please note that your committee need only file the pages on which you have itemized activity. Schedules with no activity may be omitted.

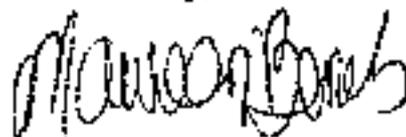
A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its

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entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Maureen Benitz
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use appropriate check-box(es) for each category of the Disbursement Summary Page	FOR LINE NUMBER: (check only one)						PAGE 1 OF 1
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Any information copied from both Reports and Statements may not be used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for campaign purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)
The Carpet and Rug Institute Political Action Committee

A

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Friends of Max Cleland

Address
P.O. Box 903

City
Gainesville GA 30503

Purpose of Disbursement
Help elect Max Cleland

Candidate Name
Max Cleland

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: **GA** District: _____

Date of Disbursement
07/01/2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
2,000.00

B

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Committee for Responsible Senate in Maine

Address
PMB 254 126 Western Avenue

City
Augusta ME 04330

Purpose of Disbursement
Help promote Responsible Senate in Maine

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: **ME** District: _____

Date of Disbursement
09/03/2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
1,000.00

C

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Address

City

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: District: _____

Date of Disbursement

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page Reported **2,100.00**

TOTAL This Period (Use page this line number only) **2,100.00**

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