



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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September 18, 2007

Carol Davis, Treasurer  
Sanders for Senate  
P.O. Box 391  
Burlington, VT 05402

**Response Due Date:**  
**October 19, 2007**

Identification Number: C00411330

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/07 – 6/30/07)

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 A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. The contribution in question is listed below:

-Harold Ford, Jr. for TN 4/30/07 \$5,000.00 Primary 2012

You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An authorized or principal campaign committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §§ 102.12(c) and 102.13(c))

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If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount.

The funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly designated for a different election, by obtaining signed written authorization from the contributor(s) pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 110.1(b)(5) and 110.2(b)(5). Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any refund checks and/or letters redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation is received. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or seek redesignation 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

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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) 694-1154.

Sincerely,



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