

MISCELLANEOUS TEXT (FEC Form 99)

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company Federal Political Action Committee (State Farm Federal PAC)

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In February 2023, the SF Federal PAC discovered that during the January 2023 reporting period, an unknown individual(s) created, forged and cashed three fictitious PAC checks totaling \$12,200. These checks were presented for payment on 1/9/2023. Research indicates those named recipients on the checks are various college-aged individuals with no apparent ties to a campaign or committee, and are possibly identity theft victims themselves.

The Committee discovered this fraudulent activity while completing the monthly bank reconciliation process. Immediately upon realizing what had transpired, the Committee contacted its bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, on 2/14/2023. The Committee reported the fraud, acted to prevent further fraud from occurring, and has attempted to recover the money lost. The Committee confirmed with the bank that existing controls, such as an account level block on all ACH transactions, are still in place and working as intended. Additionally, the Committee immediately took steps to set up a Positive Pay system, which went into effect on 3/2/23. During the interim between when the fraud was discovered and Positive Pay was put in place, daily monitoring of the PAC checking account occurred to identify and prevent additional fraud.

Chase Bank has opened an investigation into this matter, which may take as long as six months to resolve. However, based on the facts of this case and those of similar situations, the money may eventually be refunded to the PAC. This current report documents the disbursement of the fraudulent funds. If any refunds are returned, they will be reported on the appropriate monthly report.

Additionally, a representative for the Committee met with the assigned FEC Analyst, Abigail Capps, on 3/3/23. Ms. Capps is aware of the above and has instructed the Committee to file the amended Form 3X and this Form 99.