



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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May 31, 2017

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**Response Due Date**  
**07/05/2017**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00573261

REFERENCE: AMENDED YEAR-END REPORT (11/29/2016 - 12/31/2016), RECEIVED  
04/05/2017

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 an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

1. Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48 hour report(s) for independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 48 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(b), within 48 hours of any independent expenditures aggregating \$10,000 or more with respect to a given election, made any time during the calendar year up to and including the 20th day before an election. The report must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$10,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §104.3(b))

2. Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 24 hour report(s) regarding "last minute" independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 24 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(c), within 24 hours of any independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more with respect to a given election, made between two and twenty days before an election. The report must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the

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day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$1,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §104.3(b))

3. Your committee filed 24 and 48 hour reports informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support or opposition of federal candidates with "Silversmith Strategies," "Mothership Strategies," and "Wildfire Contact LLC" as the payee(s). However, the amounts and dates of public dissemination disclosed on these reports do not appear to correlate with the entries on Schedule E, supporting Line 24 for the reporting period. If your committee has filed 24 or 48 hour reports supporting independent expenditures not reflected on your reports, you must file Schedule E during the appropriate reporting period to disclose these payments. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy and provide further information concerning these reports. (11 CFR §104.4)

**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.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) 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) 694-1162.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MA Henry", written in a cursive style.

Michael-Ann Henry  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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**Missing 48 Hour Report (Schedule E)**  
**End Citizens United (C00573261)**

<b>Name of Payee</b>	<b>Dissemination Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Election</b>
Silversmith Strategies	9/20/16	\$52,443.91	HASSAN, MARGARET W	G2016

**Missing 24 Hour Report (Schedule E)**  
**End Citizens United (C00573261)**

<b>Name of Payee</b>	<b>Dissemination Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Election</b>
Silversmith Strategies	10/27/16	\$40,400.45	MASTO, CATHERINE CORTEZ	G2016