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Jill Sugarman  
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Federal Election Commission  
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Dear Ms. Sugarman:

I write in response to your November 4, 2015 letter to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (C90013145) regarding its October quarterly report of independent expenditures for 2015. Your letter notes that "no contributions are disclosed on Line 6, "Total Contributions," and that "[e]ach contributor who made a donation in excess of \$200 to further the independent expenditure(s) must be itemized on Schedule 5-A, including their identification information." You request that the organization amend its report to include this information.

Per the FEC's regulations, filers are required to provide "the identification of each person who made a contribution in excess of \$200 to the person filing such report, which contribution was made for the purpose of furthering the reported independent expenditure." 11 CFR 109.10(e)(1)(vi) (emphasis added); see also Final Rules on Coordinated and Independent Expenditures, 68 Fed. Reg. 404, 413 (Jan. 3, 2003) ("reporting of independent expenditure contributors is limited to those who contributed specifically for independent expenditures"); Statement of Reasons of Chairman Petersen and Commissioners Hunter and McGahn in MUR 6002 (Freedom's Watch, Inc.) at 5 ("a donation must be itemized on a non-political committee's independent expenditure report only if such donation is made for the purpose of paying for the communication that is the subject of the report"). The U.S. Chamber received no such contributions "made for the purpose of furthering" the reported independent expenditures, therefore the absence of contributors on Line 6 was intentional and consistent with the FEC's regulations.

Sincerely,

Abby Majlak