



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 4, 2012

PAUL BERGKOETTER, TREASURER
CITIZENS FOR COOK
PO BOX 397
ST LIBORY, IL 62282

Response Due Date
10/09/2012

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00505016

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2012 - 06/30/2012)

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. **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 1 item(s):

- Schedule D of your report discloses debts with the memo text "current amount has been forgiven." Please be advised that if the committee received goods or services from a vendor without making any payment for the services rendered, the committee may be in receipt of a prohibited contribution. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations. Any prohibited contribution must be refunded or disgorged. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1) and (2)) The refund must be made within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the possible illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(2)) If the identity of the contributor cannot be determined, the committee must disgorge funds to a governmental entity or to a qualified charitable organization described in 2 U.S.C. § 170(c). (Commission Advisory Opinions 1995-19 and 1991-39). Please take and report corrective action or amend your report if these transactions were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed.

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**

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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.

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) 694-1165.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Hough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "h".

Rebecca Hough
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Citizens for Cook (C00505016)**

Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities

Contributor Name	Amount	Purpose
Harris Media, LLC	\$2,000.00	Website Design and Development
Total Spectrum Steve Gordon & Associates	\$3,500.00	Consulting Services
Victory Enterprises	\$1,100.00	Auto Calls