



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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November 23, 2005

Brent Anderson, Treasurer
Massachusetts Republican State Congressional
Committee
85 Merrimac Street, Suite 400, Room 526
Boston, MA 02114

**Response Due Date:
December 23, 2005**

Identification Number: C00042622

Reference: April Monthly Report (3/1/05-3/31/05)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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 Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The totals listed on Lines 21(b), 21(c), 30(b) and 30(c), Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule A of your report discloses a contribution from John Carlson, which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(c) prohibit a state, district or local party committee (combined) from receiving any contribution from a person or non-multicandidate political committee in excess of \$10,000 per calendar year.

Your report indicates that the excessive portion of this contribution was transferred-out of your federal account. However, your report(s) does not appear to disclose this transfer-out. Please amend your report(s) to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund

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the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your report includes a Schedule H1 to disclose the ratio for the allocation of certain costs. However, you have failed to allocate expenses between your federal and non-federal accounts on Schedule H4. Please be advised that for State, District and Local party committees, a Schedule H1 should only be filed in the first report each calendar year that discloses allocable disbursements. Please clarify this apparent discrepancy.

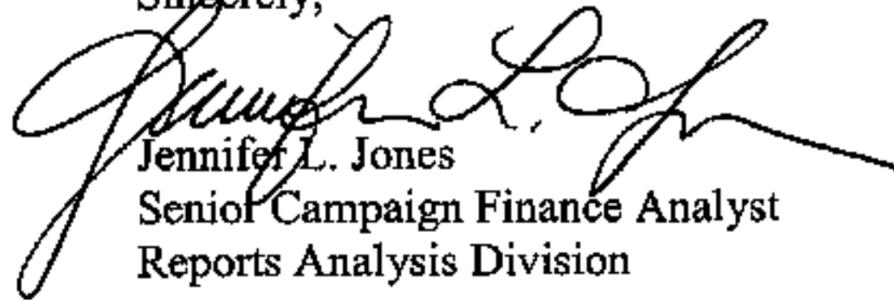
Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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

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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) 694-1393.

Sincerely,



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