



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 17, 1998

Lee Snyder, Treasurer
Federal Independent Campaign Committee
201 N. Wells Street, Suite 706
Chicago, IL 60606

Identification Number: C00262923

Reference: October Quarterly (7/1/98-9/30/98) and April Quarterly (1/1/98-3/31/98)
Reports

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This letter is to inform you that as of December 16, 1998 the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated November 24, 1998. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Debbie Chacona on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Gibson".

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

Enclosures



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Identification Number: C00262923

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/98-9/30/98)

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(d) preclude a committee and its affiliates from receiving contributions from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. If the contribution(s) you received exceeded the limits, you must seek reattribution of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(k), transfer-out the amount in excess of \$5,000 to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the excessive amount to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). In the best interest of your committee, all reattributions, transfers-out, and refunds should be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution(s). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of granting written authorization for a reattribution or transfer-out to another account or receiving a refund.

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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

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.

-A political committee that has established a federal account and a non-federal account must allocate between its federal and non-federal account all expenses for administrative costs, generic voter drives and fundraising programs or events. 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)

Separate Segregated Funds and Nonconnected committees must report the estimated percentages of their direct federal and non-federal candidate support for a two-year election cycle by filing a Schedule H1. To calculate the allocation ratio for administrative and generic voter drive costs, nonconnected committees use the funds expended method. 11 CFR §106.6(c)(1)

Schedule H2 is used by all political committees to report the allocation ratios of their joint federal and non-federal fundraising events and direct candidate support programs. Schedule H2 is filed with each report that discloses a disbursement for a shared activity. Schedule H3 is used by all political committees to report transfers received by the federal account from the non-federal account(s) to pay the non-federal share of allocable expenses.

Any expenditures made on behalf of both federal and non-federal candidates (including in-kind contributions, independent expenditures and coordinated expenditures) must also be allocated between your committee's federal and non-federal accounts. Schedule H4 is used by all political committees to report payments for allocable expenses. 11 CFR §§106.1(a) and 106.5

Please clarify the procedures you are currently using to allocate shared activity. The Commission recommends that you take steps to correct any non-compliance with the regulations. Also, your committee should establish procedures to ensure future compliance with the allocation regulations.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Debbie Chacona
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

SCHEDULE A

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Federal Independent Campaign Committee

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
Carol Masoley - Draw for US Senate
98 Inc
819 S Wabash #600
Chicago IL 60605
Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$6000.00

Date (month, day, year)
9/29/98

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
6000.00

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
Schakowsky for Congress
1101 Ridge Ave
Evanston IL 60202
Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$3500.00

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period
1000.00

C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code
Receipt For: Primary General
 Other (specify):

Name of Employer
Occupation
Aggregate Year-to-Date > \$

Date (month, day, year)

Amount of Each Receipt this Period

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TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) 7000 -