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Response Due Date
09/12/2022

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00466482

REFERENCE: AMENDED JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (06/09/2022 - 06/30/2022),
RECEIVED 07/16/2022

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 4 item(s):

1. Schedule A of your report indicates that one or more corporations acted as a conduit for contributions earmarked to your committee. Corporations are prohibited from making contributions to a candidate for federal office, unless made from a separate segregated fund established by the corporation. Any entity that is prohibited from making contributions in connection with a federal election may not act as a conduit for contributions earmarked to candidates or their authorized committees. (11 CFR § 110.6(b)(2)(i))

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If you have received prohibited contributions, you must make a refund. The refund must be made within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1) and (2))

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of any refund checks. Refunds must be reported on a Schedule B supporting Line 20(a) of the report covering the period in which the refund is made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the

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acceptance of prohibited contributions, your prompt action to refund the prohibited amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached).

An individual or a political committee other than an authorized committee or qualified multi-candidate committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,900 per election. An authorized committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. A qualified multi-candidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) and (f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) and (f)); 11 CFR § 110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount.

Excessive contributions may be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the excessive portions are properly redesignated or reattributed. Guidelines for each option are provided below.

For reattributions, excessive contributions from individuals can be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount is properly reattributed to another person. Please note that reattributions only apply to excessive contributions from individuals. An excessive contribution is considered properly reattributed if (1) the contributors provide the committee with written documentation, signed by each contributor, authorizing a reattribution and indicating the amount of the contribution to be attributed to each contributor; or (2) the committee reattributes by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution if the contribution was made on a written instrument from a joint account and was signed by only one of the account holders. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributors in writing within 60 days of receiving the contribution that the committee intends to reattribute the excessive portion and must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(k)(3)(ii)(B))

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For redesignations, the funds can be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount is properly redesignated for a different election. An excessive contribution is considered properly redesignated if (1) the committee obtains signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election; or (2) your committee redesignates by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B)) Please note that you cannot presumptively redesignate an excessive contribution from a multi-candidate committee. Also, a contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed the committee's net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt of the contribution, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1).

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks and/or letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20(a), (b), or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of excessive contributions, your prompt action to refund, redesignate, and/or reattribute the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

3. Schedule A of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48-hour notices regarding "last minute" contributions (to include loans, in-kind contributions, and advances) received by your committee after the close of books for the 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (see attached). A principal campaign committee must notify the Commission, in

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writing, within 48 hours of any contribution of \$1,000 or more received between two and twenty days before an election. These contributions are then reported on the next report required to be filed by the committee. To ensure that the Commission is notified of last minute contributions of \$1,000 or more to your campaign, it is recommended that you review your procedures for checking contributions received during the aforementioned time period. The failure to file 48-hour notices may result in civil money penalties or legal enforcement action. (11 CFR § 104.5(f))

If any contribution of \$1,000 or more was incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

4. It appears that your committee may have filed duplicate 48-hour notices. Your committee filed two 48-hour notices for each of the attached contributions; however, these contributions are only disclosed once on Schedule A of your report. Please amend your report to include the additional contributions or provide an explanation of the apparent discrepancies. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i))

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 information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees. For more information about Requests for Additional Information (RAI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/request-additional-information. Should you 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) 694-1161.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Dobi". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Dobi" clearly legible.

Michael Dobi
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst

**Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Families for James Lankford (C00466482)**

Apparent Excessive Contributions from Committees

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Next Century Fund	7/6/21	\$5,000.00	G2022
Next Century Fund	5/24/22	\$5,000.00	G2022

Missing 48-Hour Notices
Families for James Lankford (C00466482)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
American Fuels & Petrochemical Manufacturers PAC	6/24/22	\$2,500.00	P2022
Applied Materials, Inc. PAC	6/24/22	\$2,500.00	P2022
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck PAC	6/24/22	\$1,500.00	P2022
Houston, Martin Joseph	6/24/22	\$1,000.00	P2022
Majority Committee Pac (MC PAC)	6/24/22	\$5,000.00	P2022
Majority Committee Pac (MC PAC)	6/24/22	\$5,000.00	G2022
Metlife Inc. Employees' Political Participation Fund A	6/24/22	\$1,000.00	P2022
Mourad, Majida	6/24/22	\$1,200.00	P2022
Souki, Charif	6/24/22	\$5,800.00	P2022
Tellurian Inc. PAC	6/24/22	\$2,000.00	G2022
Walpac Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Pac For Responsible Government	6/24/22	\$1,000.00	G2022

**Incorrectly Reported Receipts on 48-Hour Notices
Families for James Lankford (C00466482)**

Apparent Duplicate 48-Hour Notices Filed

Contributor Name	Date	Amount
Kimbell, Jeffrey	6/14/22	\$1,500.00