



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. Maxson:

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 B of your report discloses a contribution(s) to Tim Johnson for Congress for the retirement of debts incurred by the 2000 Primary election campaign; however, it appears that the recipient committee(s) had insufficient debts to warrant such a contribution. Please note that a committee may only designate contributions to retire a candidate's debts if those debts exist.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive contribution, you should either notify the recipient and request a refund of the impermissible amount and/or notify the recipient, in writing, of your redesignation of the contribution. All refunds and redesignations must be made within sixty days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. Refunds are reported on Line 16 of the Detailed Summary Page and on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which they are received. Redesignations are reported as memo entries on Schedule B of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.2(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the

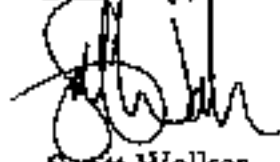
excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing an appropriate office sought (i.e., House, Senate or President) for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution to the Bayou Leader PAC; however, you have disclosed "Billy Tauzin Federal Political Action Cmte LA" in the purpose of disbursement field. Please clarify whether this was an earmarked contribution made by your committee through the Bayou Leader PAC to this candidate, or if you made the contribution to the political committee exercising no direction or control over how the funds were to be used. If the latter is the case, please do not include the candidate's name in the purpose of disbursement field on future reports.

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 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



Scott Walker
Reports Analyst
Report Analysis Division

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