

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 22, 2009

Jeffrey Rechenbach, Treasurer Communications Workers of America-**COPE Political Contributions Committee** 501 Third Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

Response Due Date: August 26, 2009

Identification Number: C00002089

Reference:

March Monthly Report (2/1/09-2/28/09)

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 2 items:

- 1. Please clarify the disbursement(s) made for "Membership Mailing" on Schedule B supporting Line 29. If this disbursement(s) constitutes a payment related to a candidate appearance for your restricted class, which is exempt from the definition of contribution and expenditure under 11 CFR §114.3, the purpose of each disbursement should include the type of expense, the name, office sought, state, and district, if applicable, of each federal candidate identified in the communication, and a statement that the expense is for an internal communication to the restricted class (see Advisory Opinion 2000-3). Please amend your report to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.
- Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses contributions received through a payroll deduction plan. You disclose the amount and frequency of the deductions; however, the total amount reported as received from each individual during the period does not appear to correspond to the amount and frequency of the payroll deductions. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

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. 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) 694-1136.

Sincerely,

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

Reports Analysis Division