



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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DAN BACKER, TREASURER
THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE
PRESIDENT
441 NORTH LEE STREET STE 205
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Response Due Date
01/23/2020

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00544767

REFERENCE: NOVEMBER MONTHLY REPORT (10/01/2019 - 10/31/2019)

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 2 item(s):

1. The independent expenditure schedule (Schedule E) should disclose the following information: the name and mailing address of the payee, the purpose of the expenditure, the date the communication is publicly disseminated or distributed, the amount, the name and office sought, state and district (if applicable) of the federal candidate, the calendar year-to-date, per election, for office sought total, the election designation, an indication of whether the candidate was supported or opposed and the signature of the treasurer. Please amend the Schedule E by providing the state. (11 CFR §104.4(b) and (c))

Please be advised that each State's Presidential primary is considered a separate election for purposes of aggregating independent expenditures (see Advisory Opinion 2003-40). Independent expenditures that are made in support or opposition to a presidential primary candidate and publicly distributed or otherwise disseminated in six or more states, but do not refer to any particular state, should be listed as a single expenditure (i.e., without allocating among states) and the state with the next upcoming presidential primary among those states where the independent expenditure is distributed must be indicated. Additionally, filers must use descriptive memo text to indicate the specific states in which the communication is distributed. 11 CFR §§104.4(b)(3)(vii)(C) and 104.4(f)(2)

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2. Schedule E for Line 24 of your report discloses MEMO entries for apparent independent expenditures made on behalf of "TRUMP, DONALD J." during this reporting period. However, a Schedule D supporting Line 10 has not been provided. Please be advised that if a communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the independent expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule E when the communication is publicly disseminated or distributed, and on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR §104.11. Subsequently, when the payment for the independent expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule E and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy. (11 CFR §104.4)

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) 694-1139.

Sincerely,



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