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Response Due Date
10/01/2019

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00707612

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2019 - 06/30/2019)

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. 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, including a candidate's spouse, may not make contributions to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,800 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 § 100.52)

While it is permissible for a candidate to obtain a loan on which his or her spouse's signature is required when jointly owned assets are used as collateral or security for the loan, the value of the candidate's share of the property must equal or exceed the amount of the loan. If the value of the candidate's share of the property is less than the amount of the loan, the difference between the amount of the loan and the value of the candidate's share of the property is considered a contribution from the candidate's spouse. This amount cannot exceed the limits for contributions from individuals. (11 CFR § 100.52 (b)(3) and (4))

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

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the

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excessive amount was properly designated 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) the 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))

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 redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. (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 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 are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation 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 or redesignate the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Your report fails to provide proper election designations for contributions disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line(s) 11(a)(i). Authorized committees should indicate the election for which the contribution was designated. If no election is designated, the contribution is applied to the next election for the federal office the candidate is seeking after the contribution date. Please be advised that incorrect election designations may result in excessive or impermissible contributions. Please amend your report to clarify election designations "O2019, Runoff" (11 CFR §§ 110.1(b) and 110.2(b))

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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 additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit <http://transition.fec.gov/rad/>. 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) 694-1171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Grainger". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jessica Grainger
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Nicole Rodden for Congress, Inc. (C00707612)

Apparent Excessive Contributions from Individuals

| Contributor Name | Date | Amount | Election |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Rodden, Robert | 6/30/19 | \$100,000.00 | P2020 |