



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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June 25, 2024

BRIAN CASEY, TREASURER
U.S. VENTURE INC. PAC
425 BETTER WAY
APPLETON, WI 54915

Response Due Date
07/30/2024

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00558411

REFERENCE: AMENDED YEAR-END REPORT (07/01/2023 - 12/31/2023), RECEIVED
05/28/2024

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. Your amended report discloses an increase in receipts totaling \$32,363.20 and an increase in disbursements totaling \$34,250 from the amounts disclosed on your original report. Please amend your report or provide clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report. (11 CFR § 104.3)

The Commission notes the Form 99, dated 5/28/24, stating, "Amendment 1 to the 2023 Mid Year, Amendment 1 to the 2023 Year End, and Amendment 1 to the April 2024 Quarterly reports are in response to the FEC's RFAI dated April 23, 2024. The amendments correct errors in cash balances reported by the committee on those reports." Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your clarification and any additional clarification you may have will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3

2. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(f) and 11 CFR §§110.1(d) and 110.2(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

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

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information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing the date and method of your remedy (refund, transfer to a non-federal account and/or reattribution) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of refund checks, transfers to nonfederal account, and/or letters reattributing the contributions in question. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

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

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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) 694-1180.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Tarone". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Nicholas Tarone
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

Apparent Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions
U.S. Venture Inc. PAC (C00558411)

Apparent Excessive Contributions from Individuals

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
Schmidt, James	11/14/23	\$5,000.00	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, James	11/14/23	\$5,000.00	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	7/12/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	7/14/23	\$2,307.60	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	7/24/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	8/7/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	8/24/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	9/6/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	9/18/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	10/4/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	10/16/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	10/31/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	11/13/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	11/14/23	\$5,000.00	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	11/28/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	12/14/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End
Schmidt, John	12/26/23	\$192.30	2023 Year-End