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Response Due Date
03/12/2019

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00682799

REFERENCE: 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/18/2018 - 11/26/2018)

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 enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. The totals listed on Lines 6(c), 7, 11(a)(i), 11(a)(ii), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 19, 20, 21(b), 21(c), 29, 31, and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
2. Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 52 U.S.C. §30116(f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(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. However, Commission records indicate that your Committee maintains a Non-Contribution Account consistent with the stipulated judgment in *Carey v. FEC*.

If the apparently excessive contribution(s) in question was deposited into your Non-Contribution Account, please amend your report to disclose the item on Schedule A supporting Line 17 of the Detailed Summary Page and disclose

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"Non-Contribution Account" in the description field or in memo text. For more information please reference the "Reporting Guidance for Political Committees that Maintain and Non-Contribution Account" at <http://classic.fec.gov/pages/fecrecord/november2011/fecstatementcareyvfec.shtml>

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 in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. 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

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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 the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. 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) 694-1177.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian Jones
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**Apparent Excessive and Prohibited Contributions
Conservative States of America PAC (C00682799)**

Apparent Excessive and Prohibited Contributions from Individuals

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
McInnis, John III	10/30/18	\$10,000.00	2018 30-Day Post-General