



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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January 12, 2011

Joe Nigro, Treasurer
Sheet Metal Workers' International Association
Political Action League
1750 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006-5386

Response Due Date:
February 16, 2011

Identification Number: C00007542

Reference: 12-Day Pre-General Report (10/01/10 – 10/13/10)

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 3 items:

1. Schedule B of your report discloses one or more contributions to ELAINE FOLK MARSHALL for the retirement of debts incurred by the 2010 Primary election campaign; however, it appears that the recipient committee(s) had insufficient debts to warrant such a contribution. Please note that a committee may only designate contributions to retire a candidate's debts if those debts exist.

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

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, refunds are reported on Line 16

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of the Detailed Summary Page and on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which they are received. Redesignations are reported as memo entries on Schedule B of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.2(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a \$5,000 contribution to JOHN T MR. SALAZAR designated for the 2010 General election. However, memo text attached to this entry also discloses other designations (e.g. "\$2,000 should be desinated toward his primary and the other \$1,000 toward his general.") Please amend your report to clarify the election designation(s) and amount(s) for this entry.

3. Your report disclosed a eategory of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Donations made to nonfederal candidates and committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

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 stateniments, 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) 694-1162.

Sincerely,



David Butler
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