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Response Due Date
01/03/2024

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00197715

REFERENCE: MID-YEAR REPORT (01/01/2023 - 06/30/2023)

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 1 item(s):

- Schedule A of your report discloses a receipt(s) from "Blair Electric Services, Inc.," "CortevaAgriScience," "Fresno First Bank," "Magnuson CCMCorporation," "Wells Fargo Bank," "Apollo Ag Technologies," "Graham& Associates Inc.," "GUSS Automation," "Jim's Supply Co.," "Moore, Steven," "PremierTrailer Manufacturing," "North Bowie Farming," "PACT Capital," "PneumaticConveying & Manufacturing," "UnitedAg," "Watson Realty," "5 Star Farms," "AROPistachios Inc.," "RTS Agri Business, LLC," "West-Link Corp," "Modern ProcessEquipment," "Valagro USA," "Fresno First Bank," "Liberty Pistachio," "Sentek," and "Nichols Farms" totaling \$17,500 for the apparent misdeposit of funds originally intended for your connected organization. 52 U.S.C. §30118 (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441b) prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations, except that a connected organization may pay for the solicitation or other administrative costs of its separate segregated fund. 11 CFR §114.5(b) (3) Further, you are advised that contributions deposited in a federal account must meet the following conditions: the contributions are designated or expressly solicited for use in connection with federal elections and contributors are informed that their contributions are subject to the limits and prohibitions of the Act. 11 CFR §102.5(a)(1) and (2) The Commission notes your transfer-out of the misdeposited funds on your 2023 Mid-Year Report (1/1/2023-6/30/2023). Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the apparent misdeposited funds, your prompt action in refunding or transferring out these funds will be taken into consideration.

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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 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 (RFAI), 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) 694-1295.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremiah P. Hempel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeremiah Hempel

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst