



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Response Due Date
01/18/2013

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00411330

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (08/09/2012 - 09/30/2012)

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Senate Public Records Office by the response date noted above. 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):

1. Schedule A of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48-hour notices regarding "last minute" contributions received by your committee after the close of books for the 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (see attached). A principal campaign committee must notify the Commission, in writing, within 48 hours of any contribution of \$1,000 or more received between two and twenty days before an election. These contributions are then reported on the next report required to be filed by the committee. To ensure that the Commission is notified of last minute contributions of \$1,000 or more to your campaign, it is recommended that you review your procedures for checking contributions received during the aforementioned time period. The failure to file 48-hour notices may result in civil money penalties or legal enforcement action. If any contribution of \$1,000 or more was incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. (11 CFR § 104.5(f))

- Your report disclosed categories of financial activity that appear to be disclosed on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, donations made by your committee should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 21 of the Detailed Summary Page. In addition, please be advised that Line 19(a) of the Detailed Summary Page is only for disclosure of repayments of loans made or guaranteed by the candidate. Refer to the Form 3

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instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (11 CFR § 104.3(a) and (b))

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.**

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problems should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. 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) 694-1174.

Sincerely,



Caroline DeBerry
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Missing 48-Hour Notices
Friends of Bernie Sanders (C00411330)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Realtors Political Action Committee	8/22/2012	\$3,000.00	P, 2012