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COMMITTEE (WOOD-PAC)
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Response Due Date
04/20/2021

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00602698

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2020 - 09/30/2020)

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 4 item(s):

1. Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2020 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (see attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign. (11 CFR §§110.1(b)(3) and 110.2(b)(3))

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If the contribution(s) in question should have been designated for debt retirement, you should amend your report to indicate "debt retirement," along with the year of election.

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. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing

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the date and method of your remedy (refund or redesignation request) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of the refund and/or redesignation request(s) sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(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 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(a) prohibits a non-multicandidate political committee and its affiliates, from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,800 per election. Please refer to the Campaign Guide for information on how a committee qualifies for multicandidate status.

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

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(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 of the excessive amount.

If your committee has met the criteria for multicandidate status, please file FEC FORM 1M "Notification of Multicandidate Status" with the Commission. The treasurer must file FEC FORM 1M no later than ten (10) calendar days after qualifying for multicandidate committee status. (11 CFR §102.2(a)(3))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing the date and method of your remedy (refund or redesignation request) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of the refund and/or redesignation request(s) sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report

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covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

3. On Schedule B, you have disclosed disbursements to a federal candidate committee. Commission regulations require that these itemized disbursements include the recipient's full name, complete address, date, amount, state of election, office sought (House, Senate, or President), and district (if applicable). Please amend your report to include the state of election, office sought, and district. (11 CFR §104.3 (b)(3))

4. On Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page, your committee discloses a disbursement for "SCALISE LEADERSHIP FUND," "MCMORRIS RODGERS WIN THE FUTURE FUND," "Buddy Carter for Congress," "Hudson for Congress," "Kuster for Congress," "AUSTIN SCOTT FOR CONGRESS INC," "SPANBERGER FOR CONGRESS," "BERGMANFORCONGRESS," "TINA SMITH FOR MINNESOTA," "FRIENDS OF JIM CLYBURN," "DELBENE FOR CONGRESS," and "JAIME FOR CONGRESS" and lists itself (American Wood Council Political Action Committee (WOOD-PAC)) as the payee. Please clarify the nature of this transaction or amend Schedule B by providing the correct name and mailing address of the payee.

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 (RAFI), why you received a letter, and how to respond, please visit

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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) 694-1294.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Timmie". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jamie Timmie

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions**AMERICAN WOOD COUNCIL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (WOOD-PAC)
(C00602698)****Apparent Contributions Made After Election Date**

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Election (State-Date)
AUSTIN SCOTT FOR CONGRESS	9/11/20	\$1,000.00	P2020	GA-6/9/20
BERGMANFORCONGRESS	9/22/20	\$1,000.00	P2020	MI-8/4/20
Buddy Carter for Congress	8/5/20	\$1,000.00	P2020	GA-6/9/20
FRIENDS OF JIM CLYBURN	8/25/20	\$1,000.00	P2020	SC-6/9/20
Hudson for Congress	8/31/20	\$1,000.00	P2020	NC-3/3/20
JAIME FOR CONGRESS	9/22/20	\$1,000.00	P2020	WA-8/4/20
Kuster for Congress	9/9/20	\$1,000.00	P2020	NH-9/8/20
SPANBERGER FOR CONGRESS	9/16/20	\$1,000.00	P2020	VA-6/23/20
TINA SMITH FOR MINNESOTA	9/11/20	\$2,500.00	P2020	MN-8/11/20

Apparent Excessive Contributions to a Committee/Candidate Committee

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
TINA SMITH FOR MINNESOTA	3/21/19	\$2,500.00	P2020	2019 April Quarterly
TINA SMITH FOR MINNESOTA	9/11/20	\$2,500.00	P2020	2020 October Quarterly