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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 18, 2004

Michael J. Brown, Treasurer
American Meat Institute Political Action Committee
1700 N Moore St/Room 1600
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Response Due Date:
March 19, 2004

Identification Number: C00024281

Reference: Year-End Report (7/1/03 - 12/31/03)

Dear Mr. Brown:

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 Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:


-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to "AMERICAN DREAM PAC," "CHANGING TIDE COMMITTEE, THE (TIDE)," "THE FREEDOM PROJECT," "HEART PAC," "KEEP OUR MAJORITY PAC," "THE SENATE VICTORY FUND PAC," "SNOWPAC," and "VOLUNTEER PAC;" however, you have disclosed "Henry Bonilla," "Wayne Allard," "John Boehner," "Todd Tiahrt," "Dennis Hastert," "Thad Cochran," "Robert Bennett," and "Bill Frist" in the purpose of disbursement field(s). Please clarify whether this was an earmarked contribution(s) made by your committee through these committees to these candidates, or if you made the contribution to the political committees exercising no direction or control over how the funds were to be used. If the latter is the case, please do not include the candidate's name in the purpose of disbursement field. Please amend your report to clarify the ultimate recipient of this contribution(s).

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee.

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.

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. 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 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1135.

Sincerely,



Maurcen Benitz
Campaign Finance Analyst
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