



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 6, 2019

JAY PETTERSON, TREASURER
FRIENDS OF DANA BALTER
2200 S. SALINA ST. #701
SYRACUSE, NY 13205

Response Due Date
09/10/2019

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00655183

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2019 - 06/30/2019)

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 B of your report discloses a salary payment to the candidate that appears to constitute personal use of campaign funds by the candidate (pertinent portion attached). A principal campaign committee may not pay a salary to a candidate prior to the filing deadline for access to the primary election ballot for the federal office that the candidate seeks. In this instance, the filing deadline for access to the primary election ballot in New York is April 2, 2020, per the New York State Board of Elections. Salary payments made before this date constitutes a personal use of campaign funds. (11 CFR § 113.1(g)(1)(i)(I))

The committee must seek reimbursement for the full amount of the personal use violation(s) from the candidate and notify the Commission of such a reimbursement. The reimbursement(s) must be reported on Schedule A supporting Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page of the report covering the period in which the reimbursement is received.

Please amend your report to clarify what action you will take concerning the apparent personal use of campaign funds. If the disbursement(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. If the disbursements do constitute the personal use of campaign funds, the Commission may take further legal action. However, prompt action to obtain reimbursement of the funds in question 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 additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit <http://transition.fec.gov/rad/>. 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) 694-1167.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Stilla", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Denise Stilla
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Apparent Personal Use of Campaign Funds
Friends of Dana Balter (C00655183)

| Name | Date | Amount | Purpose |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Balter, Dana | 4/19/19 | \$1,343.96 | Salary |
| Balter, Dana | 5/3/19 | \$1,343.94 | Salary |
| Balter, Dana | 5/20/19 | \$1,343.96 | Salary |
| Balter, Dana | 6/5/19 | \$1,343.94 | Salary |
| Balter, Dana | 6/20/19 | \$1,343.96 | Salary |