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Response Due Date**04/16/2026**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00910125

REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2025 - 09/30/2025)

Dear Treasurer:

This notice 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 3 item(s):

1. Political committees that have an initial cash balance on their first report must disclose the source of these funds. Please provide either a Schedule A to itemize contributions received, which in the aggregate are in excess of \$200, or amend your report to include an explanatory statement to support the amount reported on Line 23 of your report. If these funds were contributed during an exploratory stage of your committee, please amend your report (and extend the beginning coverage date) to disclose the committee's financial activity from its inception. (11 CFR § 104.12)
2. On Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report, you have itemized disbursements for which you have used the committee's name as the payee name. Commission Regulations require that you disclose the payee's name for each expenditure made by your committee. Please amend your report to include the missing information. (11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4))
3. Schedules A and B of your report disclose expenditures from the candidate's personal funds on behalf of the committee. Authorized committees must disclose all expenditures from personal funds made by the candidates on behalf of their committees, just as they would disclose any other disbursements that they may make. Out-of-pocket spending by candidates, as agents of their authorized committees, requires memo entry itemization of the ultimate vendor if the aggregate amount of payments to that vendor exceeds \$200 for the election cycle. The memo entry must include the date, amount, and purpose of the

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out-of-pocket payments, as well as the name and address of the vendor to which payment was made. Please amend your report to include the missing information on Schedule B or indicate that memo entry itemization is not required. (52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b)(4), (5), (6)(A); 11 CFR § 104.3(b)(4); Federal Register Notice 2013-09)

- Schedule B of your report discloses disbursements to an apparent conduit for "Act Blue Transfer Fee."

For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, please be reminded that when a committee receives an earmarked contribution(s) through an allowable conduit, each individual contribution must be itemized when the individual's total contributions to your committee aggregate over \$200 per election cycle. This itemization must include the full name, address, occupation, and employer of the individual contributor along with the date the contribution(s) was received by the conduit. Any un-itemized contributions received through the conduit must be included in your totals on Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page.

In addition, information regarding the conduit or intermediary for each contribution must be itemized on Schedule A as a memo entry. The conduit's full name and address (and occupation and employer if the conduit is an individual) must also be provided, along with the date the contribution(s) was received by your committee and the total amount of earmarked contributions received from the conduit.

You can refer to the FEC Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees for further guidance on how to report earmarked contributions through a conduit. (11 CFR § 110.6(c)(2))

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

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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) 694-1229.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Schleyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "S".

Lauren Schleyer
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