



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 24, 2009

Peter D. Nichols, Treasurer
New Jersey Democratic State Committee
196 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08608

**Response Due Date:
January 28, 2010**

Identification Number: C00104471

Reference: November Monthly Report (7/1/09-10/31/09)

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. **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 items:

1. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.2(d) prohibit a state, district or local party committee (combined) from receiving any contribution from a multicandidate political committee in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year. Please note that if a corporation or labor organization and its subsidiaries or local unites establish and control more than one separate segregated fund, all such separate segregated funds are treated as one committee for the purposes of the contribution limits set forth in the Act. U.S.C. §441a(5)

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

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

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If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

2. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Entertainment" and "Rental & Production Fees." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

3. Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "Media Consulting Services", "Printing & Postage", "Printing Services" and "Telecommunications Services" which is categorized as Federal Election Activity and therefore, may require the disclosure of the candidate(s) this activity should be attributed to. Expenditures and disbursements for public communications that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

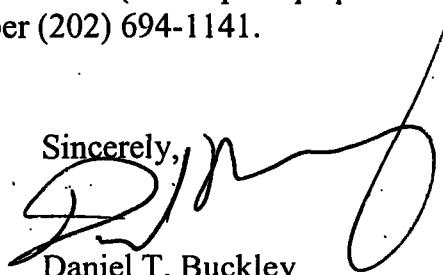
4. Schedule E supporting Line 24 of your report discloses independent expenditures on behalf of "Frank R. Lautenberg" and "Robert Menendez". In addition, these independent expenditures are designated for the 2010 General election. However, it appears these candidates will not participate in the election indicated. Please amend your report to clarify the election designation for these independent expenditures.

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.**

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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 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1141.

Sincerely,



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Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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SEIU COPE	10/01/2009	\$5,000.00	2009 November Monthly
1199 SEIU Federal PAC	10/13/2009	\$5,000.00	2009 November Monthly

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