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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 2, 2009

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Office and Professional Employees International Union - Voice of the Electorate
1660 L Street NW
Suite 801
Washington, DC 20036 Response Due Date: October 8, 2009

Identification Number: C00007898

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/09-6/30/09)

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 <u>3</u> items:

1. Your calculations for Lines 11(a)(i) and 11(a)(ii), Column B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose these amounts to be \$85,697.03 and \$68,275.11, respectively. Please provide the corrected totals on the Detailed Summary Page.

2. Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your Detailed Summary Page discloses a receipt from "J. B. Moss Vote (OPEIU)" for \$8,089.30. In memo text you state, "Adjustment for unfound balance difference with bank. Have researched prior years and unable to locate. Interest was not entered and contributions may have been overstated." Please provide any clarifying information as to the details of this receipt and why this activity was not disclosed on the original report covering the period during which it took place.

3. Schedule B 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(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

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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 §110.2(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 of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request 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 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.

- Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to federal candidates/committees and other political committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

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.

<u>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</u>

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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) 694-1148.

- -- -Sincerely, Þ Quy Vuong Senior Campaign Finance Analyst **Reports Analysis Division** 

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## Excessive Contribution to a Candidate

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Election	Report
Friends for Harry Reid	8/12/08	\$5,000	*G-2010	Amended 2008 12 Day Pre-
				Primary Report
Friends for Harry Reid	6/19/09	\$2,500	G-2010	2009 Mid-Year Report

\*Schedule B of your report discloses this contribution as designated to the 2008 General election; however, this candidate did not participate in a General election in 2008. Therefore, this contribution has been attributed to the next scheduled Federal election for this candidate, the 2010 General.