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Response Due Date

09/16/2026

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00845487

REFERENCE: APRIL QUARTERLY REPORT (01/01/2026 - 03/31/2026)

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 2 item(s):

1. The beginning cash balance of this report does not equal the ending balance of your 2025 Amended Year-End Report. Please correct this discrepancy and amend all subsequent reports that may be affected by the correction. (52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(1) and 11 CFR § 104.3(a)(1))
2. When a committee reports receiving loans from the candidate, it is necessary to clarify whether or not the candidate used personal funds or borrowed the money from a lending institution or some other source. Please amend your report to indicate whether the loans are from the candidate's personal funds or if they obtained the loans from a bank loan, brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit, or other line of credit.

If the candidate loans were obtained from a lending institution, you must also file a Schedule C-1 with the Commission, providing the name of the lending institution and the complete terms of the loan between the candidate and the lending institution. Schedule C-1 can be downloaded from the FEC website at <http://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/forms>.

If the loans were from personal funds, please acknowledge that fact in an amendment to this report. It is important to note that "personal funds" is strictly defined by Commission Regulations. (11 CFR §100.33)

- Schedule B of your report discloses disbursements to an apparent conduit for

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"Fees."

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 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 (RAI), 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) 694-1620.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Seiler". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Seiler".

Mary Seiler

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst