



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 30, 2017

DAN BACKER, TREASURER
THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE
PRESIDENT
203 SOUTH UNION STREET STE 300
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Response Due Date
10/04/2017

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00544767

REFERENCE: AMENDED 12 DAY PRE-RUN-OFF REPORT (10/20/2016 -
11/20/2016), RECEIVED 06/05/2017

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 enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

- Your amended report discloses an increase in debts owed to one or more vendors totaling \$75,493.28 from the amounts disclosed on your original report. Please amend your report or provide clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report. (11 CFR § 104.3)

The Commission notes the memo text attached to your report, which states in part, "Debt entries on Schedule D for the independent expenditures at issue, the costs of which were not known at the time of the filing of the report, have been added" and "Debt and memo entries on Schedules D and E for the independent expenditure at issue have been added." Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this matter, your clarification and any additional clarification you may have will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3

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.**