



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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March 23, 2005

Bill Spencer, Treasurer
Associated Builders and Contractors PAC
4250 North Fairfax Drive, 9th Floor
Arlington, VA 22203

Response Due Date:
April 22, 2005

Identification Number: C00010421

Reference: Amended October Monthly Report (9/01/04-9/30/04), received 10/28/04

Dear Mr. Spencer:

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. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Your report discloses additional disbursements totaling \$50,000 on Line(s) 24 of the Detailed Summary Page that were not disclosed on your original report. Please provide clarifying information as to why this activity was not disclosed on your original report.

-Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to timely file one or more of the required 48 hour notices for independent expenditures (see attached). A political committee must file a 48 hour report with the Federal Election Commission as specified in 11 CFR §104.4(b), within 48 hours of any independent expenditures aggregating \$10,000 or more with respect to a given election, made any time during the calendar year up to and including the 20th day before an election. The notice must be received by the Commission by 11:59 p.m. on the second day following the date on which independent expenditures that aggregate \$10,000 or more are publicly distributed or disseminated. These expenditures must then be fully itemized on Schedule E, or as memo entries on Schedule E and reflected on Schedule D if distributed or disseminated prior to payment, of the next report required to be filed by the committee. Although the Commission may take further action concerning this matter, your prompt response will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR §104.3(b)

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-Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses contributions to federal candidates for which the election designation provided is unclear. Please note that if an unclear designation is included in your report, the contributions will be attributed to the next upcoming election for the recipient candidate. Thus, for future reporting purposes, it is in your committee's interest to designate the appropriate election in order to avoid the appearance of excessive contributions made to federal candidates by your committee.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. 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.

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) 694-1206.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Jaketic
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Purpose	Candidate
Creative Direct	9/21/04	\$23,000	IE-mail piece	John Thune

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