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Dear Ms. Sinram,

This letter is in response to your letter to Americans for Legal Immigration PAC C00405878 dated October 21, 2015.

Thank you for letting us know of your concerns about our Best Effort practices obtaining the information the FEC wants us to collect from donors. We did not realize that there was a problem with initials, but we will immediately follow up by email and/or phone with any donors on our reports who provided initials for their names, and we will update that information on our year-end report or earlier via amendments to prior filings. ALIPAC discloses yearly contributors that exceed \$200, as required by law.

We make our "Best Effort" to obtain all required information. We rarely have problems gathering the full name, address, city, state and zip of our contributors.

However, the Occupation and Name of Employer response rates are much lower due to the documented attacks on employment, which many Americans who have spoken out on the issue of illegal immigration have suffered. Many of our supporters work for federal and state governments or are in the healthcare, law enforcement and educational fields. To have their occupation listed may put their jobs at risk due to the hostility and underhanded practices of our opposition.

It is our job to make a best effort, but donors have a right to refuse this request of information and many do.

ALIPAC raises funds through our website and by contacting prior donors through the mail. Our donations page at www.ALIPAC.us requests the donor's name, address, phone number, and email. Our donation page has the required disclaimer, "Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Contributions to ALIPAC are not tax deductible."

Our direct mail letters also have reply cards that request name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer for all donors receiving our letters. On the back of the reply cards we have the same language in the paragraph above.

For donations or donors that exceed \$200 in a year, an additional email is being sent or call is being made requesting the information, without a solicitation for funds, although our donors often chose to exercise their right to decline the employer and occupation requests or to give us less detailed answers such as "self-employed."

So any donor contributing to ALIPAC will be asked for this information upon their first donation and then be asked for the information at least 3 times per year in conjunction with solicitations for funds. They will also receive at least 1 other stand-alone request for that information if they exceed \$200 in a year and did not provide the information earlier.

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After receiving your letter, we are reviewing all of our reporting, record keeping, and best efforts practices in our ongoing efforts to adhere to all laws and regulations governing our PAC.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or recommendations for us as we are deeply appreciative of your efforts.

Beverly Cotter
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Americans for Legal Immigration PAC
