



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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DAN BACKER, TREASURER
THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE
PRESIDENT
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ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Response Due Date
08/02/2018

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00544767

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (07/01/2017 - 12/31/2017)

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 7 item(s):

1. The beginning cash balance of this report does not equal the ending balance of your Amended Mid-Year Report (5/6/17-6/30/17), received 2/28/18. Please correct this discrepancy and amend all subsequent report(s) that may be affected by the correction. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(1)))
2. The totals listed on Line(s) 6(c), 7, 11(a)(i), 11(a)(ii), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 17, 19, 20, 21(b), 21(c), 23, 24, 28(a), 28(d), 29, 31 and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Column B figures for the Summary and Detailed Summary Pages should equal the sum of the Column B figures on your previous report and the Column A figures on this report. Please file an amendment to your report to correct the Column B discrepancies for this report and all subsequent report(s) which may be affected by this correction. Note that Column B should reflect only the Calendar Year-to-Date totals. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
3. Your calculations for Line 8 appear to be incorrect. Cash on hand at the close of the current reporting period should always equal the closing calendar year to date cash on hand amount. Please provide the corrected total on the Summary Page. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)))
4. Commission Regulations require the continuous reporting of all outstanding

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debts. This report omits debts itemized on your previous report(s). Please file an amendment to your report to disclose the current status of these omitted debts: "CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS," "CONNELL DONATELLI, INC.," and "INFOCISION MANAGEMENT CORPORATION." (11 CFR §§ 104.3(d) and 104.11)

5. Your committee has filed a 48-Hour report for an independent expenditure supporting "Donald Trump" and opposing "Timothy Michael Kaine" (see attached) which has not been itemized on Schedule E supporting Line 24 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please be advised that independent expenditures disclosed on 48-Hour Reports must also be itemized on a corresponding Schedule E or MEMO Schedule E and Schedule D (if applicable), in the appropriate reporting period. Further, if the actual payment(s) for the independent expenditure(s) occurs after the date of dissemination, the appropriate report(s) should continue to show payment on Schedule E and Schedule D, until the debt is fully extinguished. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction. (11 CFR §104.4)

6. Your committee filed 48-Hour reports informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support or opposition of federal candidates with "CONNELL DONATELLI, INC." as the payee(s). However, the amounts and dates of public dissemination disclosed on these reports do not appear to correlate with the entries on Schedule E, supporting Line 24 for the reporting period. If your committee has filed 48-Hour reports supporting independent expenditures not reflected on your reports, you must file Schedule E during the appropriate reporting period to disclose these payments. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy and provide further information concerning these reports. (11 CFR §104.4)

7. Your committee filed 48-Hour report informing the Commission of independent expenditures made in support or opposition of federal candidates with "RIGHT COUNTRY LISTS" as the payee(s). However, the vendor disclosed on this report does not appear to correlate with the entry on Schedule E, supporting Line 24 for the reporting period. . Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy and provide further information concerning these report(s). (11 CFR §104.4)

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

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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 additional information about the report review process or specific filing information for your committee type, please visit the Reports Analysis Division's Frequently Asked Questions on the FEC website. 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) 694-1143.

Sincerely,



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Reports Analysis Division

Missing Schedule E (48 Hour Report)
The Committee to Defend the President (C00544767)

Name of Payee	Dissemination Date	Amount	Candidate	Election
CAMPAIGN HQ	9/1/17	\$1,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
CONNELL DONATELLI, INC.	9/1/17	\$1,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
FACEBOOK, INC.	9/1/17	\$1,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	10/1/17	\$35,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
CONNELL DONATELLI, INC.	10/1/17	\$5,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
FACEBOOK, INC.	10/1/17	\$1,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
RIGHT COUNTRY LISTS	10/1/17	\$5,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
CAMPAIGN HQ	11/1/17	\$80,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
FACEBOOK, INC.	11/1/17	\$1,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	12/1/17	\$15,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
CONNELL DONATELLI, INC.	12/1/17	\$5,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
FACEBOOK, INC.	12/1/17	\$1,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
RIGHT COUNTRY LISTS	12/1/17	\$5,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	8/1/17	\$1,000.00	KAINE, TIMOTHY MICHAEL	G2018
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	8/1/17	\$1,000.00	KAINE, TIMOTHY MICHAEL	G2018
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	8/1/17	\$1,000.00	KAINE, TIMOTHY MICHAEL	G2018
CONNELL DONATELLI, INC.	8/1/17	\$1,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
FACEBOOK, INC.	8/1/17	\$1,000.00	TRUMP, DONALD J	G2020
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	7/1/17	\$5,000.00	KAINE, TIMOTHY MICHAEL	G2018

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CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	7/1/17	\$1,000.00	KAINE, TIMOTHY MICHAEL	G2018
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	7/1/17	\$1,500.00	KAINE, TIMOTHY MICHAEL	G2018