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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Response Due Date
02/22/2023

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00784165

REFERENCE: 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/20/2022 - 11/28/2022)

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 an audit or enforcement action**. Additional information is needed for the following **4** item(s):

1. Schedule B supporting Line 20(a) discloses refunds of contributions that do not appear to have been previously reported by your committee (see attached). This may be caused by the committee not reporting the original contributions, receiving original contributions that were designated to different elections than the refunds, and/or refunding amounts greater than the original contributions. Please amend the appropriate report(s) to disclose the original contributions or provide clarifying information. (52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)) and 11 CFR § 104.3(a) & (b))

2. Schedule A of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48-hour notices regarding "last minute" contributions (to include loans, in-kind contributions, and advances) received by your committee after the close of books for the 12 Day Pre-General Report (see attached). A principal campaign committee must notify the Commission, in writing, within 48 hours of any contribution of $1,000 or more received between two and twenty days before an election. These contributions are then reported on the next report required to be filed by the committee. To ensure that the Commission is notified of last minute contributions of $1,000 or more to your campaign, it is recommended that you review your procedures for checking contributions received during the aforementioned time period. The failure to file 48-hour notices may result in civil money penalties or legal enforcement action. (11 CFR § 104.5(f))

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If any contribution of $1,000 or more was incorrectly reported, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. For each contribution received by a joint fundraising representative and subsequently transferred to your committee, please ensure that your report discloses the original date of receipt of the contribution by the joint fundraising representative in a memo entry supporting the transfer. The entry for the transfer itself should show the date the contribution was transferred to your committee by the joint fundraising representative.

3. Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why each disbursement was made. Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 17 of your report to clarify the following description: "PRODUCTION." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursement, please refer to 11 CFR 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A).

Additional clarification regarding inadequate purposes of disbursement and a non-exhaustive list of acceptable purposes are available on the FEC website at http://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/purposes-disbursement/.

4. Schedule B of your report discloses disbursements to GUSTO for "PAYROLL EXPENSES." Please be advised that when itemizing disbursements to companies for payroll services, if the payment to the salary recipient aggregates in excess of $200 in an election cycle, a memo entry including the name and address of the individual receiving the salary, as well as the date, amount, and purpose of the original disbursement must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information or provide clarifying information if memo items are not required. (11 CFR § 104.9)

- Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that appears to be disclosed on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, political party committee contributions should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 11(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the Form 3 instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (11 CFR § 104.3(a) and (b))

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 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 (RFAI), 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) 694-1440.

Sincerely,

Patrick Harkins
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

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Refunds Itemized, No Original Contributions Disclosed
Blake Masters for Senate (C00784165)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$10.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$10.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$10.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$10.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$10.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$10.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$10.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$25.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$50.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$50.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$50.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$50.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$50.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$100.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$100.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$100.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/5/22	$100.00	G2022
Cecil, Peggy	11/20/22	-$2,640.70	G2022
Jundt, Brandon	11/21/22	-$5,800.00	O2022
Matsumoto, Katie	9/29/22	-$192.50	G2022
Matsumoto, Katie	10/4/22	-$50.00	G2022
Matsumoto, Katie	11/1/22	-$100.00	G2022
Meyers, Craig	4/11/22	$2,900.00	P2022
Meyers, Craig	11/21/22	-$5,800.00	P2022
Pedraza, Francis	3/29/22	$2,900.00	P2022
Pedraza, Francis	7/18/22	-$1,000.00	P2022
Pedraza, Francis	11/21/22	-$4,800.00	P2022

Missing 48-Hour Notices
Blake Masters for Senate (C00784165)

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Cranberg, Alex	11/3/22	$2,900.00	G2022
Cranberg, Cathy	11/3/22	$2,900.00	G2022
Kadre, Manuel	11/4/22	$2,500.00	G2022
Luckey, Julie	11/4/22	$2,900.00	G2022
Luckey, Nicole	11/4/22	$2,500.00	G2022