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Mr. Patrick Harkins
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REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2024 - 09/30/2024)

Dear Mr. Harkins:

I want to begin by thanking you for your patience as the Committee responds to your request for additional information. The Committee has been working hard to overhaul their system and correct mistakes made while operating under a previous accounting firm. All reports from the October quarterly through the Year End have been amended to reflect this dedication to correcting all reporting.

Your letter indicates that the Committee disclosed one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the act. The Committee is aware of the contribution limits. In the case of an individual, if the contribution cannot be presumptively reattributed to a spouse or redesignated to a subsequent election, the Committee either sends a verified reattribution letter or refunds the excessive portion within 60 days of receipt. The Committee sends all presumptive reattribution and redesignation letters within 30 days or receipt and always gives the donor the option of making a change or requesting a refund. When the Committee receives contributions from other political committees that cause an excessive total, the Committee contacts the other political committee and requests a verified redesignation. If this is not received, the Committee issues a refund. All donors listed as excessive in this letter have either been reattributed, redesignated or refunded. In this case the report has been amended to show the correct designations of each donor contribution which were obtained at the time of donation. No redesignations were obtained outside of the 60 day time window. The following is a response to each contributor listed in your letter:

Kurt Belcher- Report has been amended to show correct designations of \$3,300 general, \$2,200 primary debt retirement.

Tammi Belcher- Report has been amended to show correct designations of \$3,300 general, \$2,200 primary debt retirement.

Daniel Gans- Report has been amended to show correct designation of the 9/30/24 contribution of \$800 general, \$200 primary debt retirement.

Mary Barnard- Report has been amended to show correct designations of \$3,300 general, \$3,300 primary debt retirement.

Timothy Barnard- Report has been amended to show correct designations of \$3,300 general, \$3,300 primary debt retirement.

Joseph Gregory- Report has been amended to show correct designations of \$3300 general, \$3,300 primary debt retirement.

E-PAC Majority Makers and E-PAC- Report has been amended to reflect that both contributions are from E-PAC (C00570945).

The contribution dated 6/24/24 for \$5,000 was designated to the general election and the 8/9/24 contribution for \$2,500 was designated for the primary election. These contributions were reported as such on the contributing committee's reports.

Valley Foods- This check was verified as a DBA check drawn from an individual's account- Warren Puspisil, which was confirmed with documentation from the donor. The report has been amended to reflect the correct donor of this contribution.

Your letter also requests additional information in regards to a loan that was reported at an interest rate of 9.5%. The previous firm did not relay this information during the transition and therefore the accrued interest was not previously reported. This loan, in addition to a loan in the amount of \$150,000 on 4/22/24 that was not reported correctly previously with a 9.5% rate, is a loan made from personal funds by the candidate who is charging the Committee the specified interest rate of 9.5% until it is paid back. This interest is not compounding and it a flat 9.5% rate annually which is to be split equally each quarter. This is now reflected as an incurred debt reported on Schedule D

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amended report.

Thank you for your understanding as we correct this information. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
Taylor Moose
Assistant Treasurer, Troy Downing for Congress