



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 17, 2018

DAN BACKER, TREASURER
THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND THE
PRESIDENT
441 NORTH LEE STREET STE 205
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Response Due Date
01/22/2019

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00544767

REFERENCE: AMENDED AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT (07/01/2018 - 07/31/2018),
RECEIVED 11/26/2018

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 3 item(s):

1. Schedule E of your report indicates that your committee may have failed to file one or more of the required 48 hour report(s) 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 report 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))

2. Your committee has filed 24 and 48-hour reports for an independent expenditure supporting "DONALD J TRUMP" and "MRS MARSHA BLACKBURN," and opposing "PHILIP BREDESEN," (see attached) which have not been itemized on Schedule E supporting Line 24 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please be advised that independent expenditures disclosed on 24 and 48-hour reports must also be itemized on a corresponding Schedule E or MEMO

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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)

3. Schedule E for Line 24 of your report discloses MEMO entries for apparent independent expenditures made on behalf of "DONALD J TRUMP" and "MRS MARSHA BLACKBURN" during this reporting period. However, a Schedule D supporting Line 10 has not been provided. Please be advised that if a communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the independent expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule E when the communication is publicly disseminated or distributed, and on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR §104.11. Subsequently, when the payment for the independent expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule E and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy. (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 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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kaitlin E. Seufert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'E'.

Kaitlin Seufert
Assistant Branch Chief, Party/Non-Party
Reports Analysis Division

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

Name of Payee	Dissemination Date	Amount	Candidate	Election
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	6/1/18	\$3,363.88	MRS MARSHA BLACKBURN	P2018
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	7/1/18	\$1,920.80	MRS MARSHA BLACKBURN	P2018
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	7/1/18	\$4,328.10	MRS MARSHA BLACKBURN	P2018
CAMPAIGN SOLUTIONS	7/1/18	\$6,150.50	MRS MARSHA BLACKBURN	P2018
INFOCISION MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	7/15/18	\$1,738.62	DONALD J TRUMP	G2020
INFOCISION MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	7/22/18	\$4,000.67	DONALD J TRUMP	G2020

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Name of Payee	Dissemination Date	Amount	Candidate	Election
CONNELL DONATELLI, INC.	7/1/18	\$8,500.00	DONALD J TRUMP	G2020
FACEBOOK, INC.	7/1/18	\$1,000.00	DONALD J TRUMP	G2020
RIGHT COUNTRY LISTS	7/1/18	\$50,000.00	DONALD J TRUMP	G2020
RRTVMEDIA, LLC	7/1/18	\$5,000.00	DONALD J TRUMP	G2020
CONNELL DONATELLI, INC.	7/25/18	\$1,000.00	DONALD J TRUMP	G2020
CONNELL DONATELLI, INC.	7/25/18	\$1,000.00	DONALD J TRUMP	G2020