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PAC)
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Response Due Date
04/15/2021

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00024521

REFERENCE: AMENDED 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/15/2020 -
11/23/2020), RECEIVED 12/03/2020

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 2 item(s):

1. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(f) and 11 CFR §§110.1(d) and 110.2(d) prohibit a committee and its affiliates from receiving any contribution from another political committee or person in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1)

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transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing the date and method of your remedy (refund, transfer to a non-federal account and/or reattribution) for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of refund checks, transfers to nonfederal account, and/or letters reattributing the contributions in question. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

2. Schedule B of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Please be advised that 52 U.S.C. §30116(a) prohibits a committee and its affiliates from making contributions to another political committee and its affiliates in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an excessive contribution, you must notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$5,000. The refund of the excessive amount must be made within sixty (60) days of receipt of the contribution.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly by providing the date of the refund request for each contribution. The committee should retain for its records copies of the request(s) sent to the recipient committee(s) and refund checks. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A

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supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

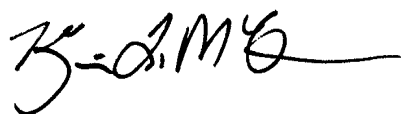
Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

- Your report discloses certain categories of financial activity that have been reflected on the wrong lines of the Detailed Summary Page. For your information and consideration when preparing future filings, contributions to federal candidates and committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b) and FORM 3X Instructions)

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 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) 694-1173.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin McQueen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin McQueen

Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

Apparent Impermissible, Excessive, and Prohibited Contributions**American Association for Justice Political Action Committee (AAJ PAC) (C00024521)****Apparent Excessive Contributions from Individuals**

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
Garrison, W. Lewis Mr. Jr. Esq.	1/30/20	\$1,250.00	2020 February Monthly
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Garrison, W. Lewis Mr. Jr. Esq.	5/7/20	\$1,250.00	2020 June Monthly
Garrison, W. Lewis Mr. Jr. Esq.	6/11/20	\$1,250.00	2020 July Monthly
Garrison, W. Lewis Mr. Jr. Esq.	7/2/20	\$1,250.00	2020 August Monthly
Garrison, W. Lewis Mr. Jr. Esq.	8/19/20	-\$1,250.00	2020 September Monthly
Garrison, W. Lewis Mr. Jr. Esq.	11/5/20	\$1,250.00	2020 30 Day Post-General

Apparent Excessive Contributions to a Committee

Recipient Name	Date	Amount	Report
National Democratic Redistricting Committee	10/15/20	\$50,000.00	2020 30 Day Post-General