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Response Due Date
09/05/2023

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00846972

REFERENCE: Verification of Form 1 (Statement of Organization)

Dear Treasurer:

It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission that you may have failed to include the true, correct, or complete committee information under 52 U.S.C. § 30103(a) when you filed FEC Form 1.

In the case of a principal campaign committee of a candidate, the Commission requires the committee to file, and the treasurer to sign, a Statement of Organization, FEC Form 1, no later than 10 days after the candidate issues a Statement of Candidacy. 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.1(a), 102.2(a). For separate segregated funds, the committee must file an FEC Form 1 no later than 10 days after establishment. 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.1(c), 102.2(a). For other political committees, the FEC Form 1 must be filed no later than 10 days after the organization becomes a political committee within the meaning of 11 C.F.R. § 100.5. 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.1(d), 102.2(a). FEC Form 1 must include the name, address, and type of committee, and, if the committee is authorized by a candidate, the name, office sought (including state and Congressional district, when applicable) and party affiliation of the candidate, and the address to which communications should be sent. 11 C.F.R. § 102.2(a). Additionally, if the committee is authorized by a candidate, the committee's name must also include the name of the candidate who authorized the committee. 11 C.F.R. § 102.14(a).

Furthermore, the Commission requires the filing to be true, correct, and complete. When you filed FEC Form 1, you made the following certification: "I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete." See 11 C.F.R. § 104.14(d) (each treasurer is personally responsible for accuracy of any information or statement in a filed report). The Commission also informed you on that form that: "Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to the penalties of 52 U.S.C. § 30109."

Additionally, knowingly and willfully making any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent

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statement or representation to a federal government agency, including the Federal Election Commission, is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. The Commission may report apparent violations to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. 52 U.S.C. § 30107(a)(9).

If the information you submitted in FEC Form 1 is, to the best of your knowledge and belief, true, correct, and complete, please file a response to confirm this. Electronic filers should file an FEC Form 99 (Miscellaneous Text Submission). Paper filers should send a signed letter via first class mail to the FEC Reports Analysis Division, 1050 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. If the information is not true, correct, or complete, or is otherwise inaccurate, please amend your FEC Form 1 filing to reflect the correct information or, in the alternative, please file either a Form 99 or signed letter, as appropriate, indicating your intent to withdraw the Form. Please be advised that once a committee meets the requirements of electronic filing, all subsequent statements, designations, reports, and amendments must be filed electronically. (11 CFR §§ 104.18(a)(2), 104.18(c) and 104.18(f)). Failure to respond within 35 calendar days of the date of this correspondence will result in the Commission removing your FEC Form 1 and related committee filings from the Commission's searchable candidate/committee filings database on the Commission's website and placing the filings under the unverified filings database on the Commission's website. Additionally, any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to any enforcement action.

Please note that in removing the filing from the Commission's searchable database, the Commission is not waiving its authority to pursue or refer an action for false filing under 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a) or otherwise to report such filings under 52 U.S.C. § 30107(a)(9), if it decides to do so.

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) 694-1277.

Sincerely,

Jackie Gausepohl

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