REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL

TO

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE

DATE: September 12, 2023

ANALYST: Clyde Hinton

I. COMMITTEE: Great Lakes PAC

C00375584

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East Lansing, MI 48826

TYPE OF COMMITTEE: Nonconnected - Leadership PAC¹

II. REGISTRATION DATE: March 28, 2002

III. MULTICANDIDATE STATUS: Qualified

IV. BACKGROUND:

The Committee was sent nineteen (19) Requests for Additional Information (RFAIs) for reporting errors including excessive, prohibited, and other impermissible contributions or transfers, mathematical discrepancies, failure to provide supporting schedules, failure to properly itemize contributions from individuals, and failure to properly itemize contributions and transfers to political committees.

¹ The Leadership PAC sponsor for this committee is Debbie Stabenow.

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IV. SUMMARY OF RFAI The Committee did not respond, responded inadequately,

RESPONSES: or responded late to ten (10) of nineteen (19) RFAIs sent

in the 2021-2022 election cycle.

V. SUMMARY OF AUDIT POINTS BY STANDARD:

STANDARD	STANDARD	POINT(S)	REPORT(S)	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION FOR	COMMITTEE
	DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNED		WHICH	RESPONSE TO
				AUDIT POINT(S) WAS ASSESSED	RFAI
5	Excessive,		2022 YE	Schedule A supporting Line 11(c)	LIR
	Prohibited, and			disclosed the receipt of an excessive	(5/9/23)
	Other			contribution totaling \$5,000.00, or	
	Impermissible			22.2% of the Committee's total	
	Contributions or			contributions from other political	
	Transfers			committees. This contribution was	
				received from one (1) federal political	
				committee.	

6	Mathematical Discrepancies	Amended 2021 M3, received 2/7/22	The Committee's report contained mathematical discrepancies totaling \$3,665.32, as detailed below: The report contained mathematical	NR
			discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$1,832.66. Line 8, Column A, \$162,266.64, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$164,099.30, of the	
			Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$1,832.66.	
6	Mathematical Discrepancies	Amended 2021 M4, received 2/7/22	The Committee's report contained mathematical discrepancies totaling \$1,832.66, as detailed below:	NR
			The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$167.34.	
			Line 8, Column A, \$232,241.28, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$233,906.60, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$1,665.32.	
6	Mathematical Discrepancies	Amended 2021 M5, received 2/7/22	The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$1,665.32.	NR
6	Mathematical Discrepancies	Amended 2021 M7, received 8/10/21	The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$5,000.00.	LAR (5/22/23)
6	Mathematical Discrepancies	2021 M9	The Committee's report contained mathematical discrepancies totaling \$10,000.00, as detailed below:	LAR (12/13/21)
			The beginning cash balance, \$310,232.91, was greater than the ending cash balance on the previous report, \$305,232.91, a discrepancy of \$5,000.00.	
			Line 8, Column A, \$367,127.79, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$362,127.79, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$5,000.00.	

6	Mathematical	2	021 M11	The Committee's report contained	IR
	Discrepancies			mathematical discrepancies totaling	(1/1/22)
				\$50,000.00, as detailed below:	
				The report contained mathematical	
				discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$35,000.00.	
				D totaling \$33,000.00.	
				The beginning cash balance, \$376,558.51, was less than the ending	
				cash balance on the previous report,	
				\$386,558.51, a discrepancy of	
				\$10,000.00.	
				Line 8, Column A, \$396,354.04, of the	
				Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$401,354.04, of the	
				Summary Page, a discrepancy of	
				\$5,000.00.	
6	Mathematical	2	021 M12	Line 8, Column A, \$405,142.59, of the	IR (1/20/22)
	Discrepancies			Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$410,142.59, of the	(1/30/22)
				Summary Page, a discrepancy of	
				\$5,000.00.	
6	Mathematical	2	2021 YE	Line 8, Column A, \$532,948.87, of the	IR
	Discrepancies			Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$537,948.87, of the	(5/17/22)
				Summary Page, a discrepancy of	
				\$5,000.00.	
7	Failure to Provide		Amended 2021 M7,	The Committee's report disclosed additional receipts totaling \$22,500.00	IR (10/4/21)
	Supporting		received	on Schedule A supporting Lines 11(a)(i)	(10/4/21)
	Schedules		8/10/21	and 11(c), resulting in an increase of	
				more than 5% and \$10,000.00 over the original report.	
8	Foilure to		0021 M4	0 1	LAR
0	Failure to Properly Itemize	2	2021 M4	Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) failed to disclose adequate identification	(2/7/22)
	Contributions			for 10 of 28, or 35.7%, of the	•
	from Individuals			contributions from individuals that require itemization.	
10	Failure to	A	Amended	Schedule B supporting Line 23 failed to	NR
	Properly Itemize	2	2021 M4,	disclose the office sought for	
	Contributions and Transfers to	1	received 2/7/22	contributions to four (4) federal candidates totaling \$25,000.00.	
	Political		_, , , 		
10	Committees		2022 YE	Schodulo P supporting Line 22 feile L	LIR
10	Failure to Properly Itemize	2	2022 IE	Schedule B supporting Line 23 failed to disclose the office sought for	(5/9/23)
	Contributions			contributions to four (4) federal	(5.5.20)
	and Transfers to Political			candidates totaling \$25,000.00.	
	Committees				
	TOTAL				

Response Codes
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NR – No Response

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Excessive, Prohibited, and Other Impermissible Contributions or Transfers

R	Report	RFAI Due	Response	Response	Reason for code
		Date	Date(s)	Code	
20)22 YE	5/8/23	5/9/23	LIR	Schedule A supporting Line 11(c) disclosed the receipt of an excessive contribution totaling \$5,000.00, or 22.2% of the Committee's total contributions from other political committees. This contribution was received from one (1) federal political committee. The Committee filed an Amended 2022 YE on 5/9/23 that failed to adequately address the issue. The excessive amount was not refunded or transferred out, and the Committee did not disclose corrective action or provide further clarification.

Mathematical Discrepancies

Report	RFAI Due Date	Response Date(s)	Response Code	Reason for code
Amended 2021 M3, received	6/22/22	N/A	NR	The Committee's report contained mathematical discrepancies totaling \$3,665.32, as detailed below:
2/7/22				The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$1,832.66.
				Line 8, Column A, \$162,266.64, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$164,099.30, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$1,832.66.
				The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI.
Amended 2021 M4, received	6/22/22	N/A	NR	The Committee's report contained mathematical discrepancies totaling \$1,832.66, as detailed below:
2/7/22				The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$167.34.
				Line 8, Column A, \$232,241.28, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$233,906.60, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$1,665.32.
				The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI.
Amended 2021 M5, received	6/22/22	N/A	NR	The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$1,665.32.
2/7/22				The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI.
Amended 2021 M7, received	10/4/21	5/22/23	LAR	The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$5,000.00.
8/10/21				The Committee filed an Amended 2021 M7 on 5/22/23 that corrected the mathematical discrepancies.

2021 M9	11/18/21	12/13/21	LAR	The Committee's report contained mathematical discrepancies totaling \$10,000.00, as detailed below:
				The beginning cash balance, \$310,232.91, was greater than the ending cash balance on the previous report, \$305,232.91, a discrepancy of \$5,000.00.
				Line 8, Column A, \$367,127.79, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$362,127.79, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$5,000.00.
				The Committee filed an Amended 2021 M9 on 12/13/21 that corrected the mathematical discrepancies.
2021 M11	1/3/22	1/1/22	IR	The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$50,000.00.
				The report contained mathematical discrepancies on several lines in Column B totaling \$35,000.00.
				The beginning cash balance, \$376,558.51, was less than the ending cash balance on the previous report, \$386,558.51, a discrepancy of \$10,000.00.
				Line 8, Column A, \$396,354.04, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$401,354.04, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$5,000.00.
				The Committee filed an Amended 2021 M11 on 1/1/22 that failed to adequately address the issues.
2021 M12	2/7/22	1/30/22	IR	Line 8, Column A, \$405,142.59, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$410,142.59, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$5,000.00.
				The Committee filed an Amended 2021 M12 on 1/30/22 that failed to adequately address the issue.
2021 YE	5/17/22	5/17/22	IR	Line 8, Column A, \$532,948.87, of the Summary Page did not equal Line 8, Column B, \$537,948.87, of the Summary Page, a discrepancy of \$5,000.00.
				The Committee filed an Amended 2021 YE on 5/17/22 that failed to adequately address the issue.

Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules

Report	RFAI Due	Response	Response	Reason for code
	Date	Date(s)	Code	
Amended	10/4/21	10/4/21	IR	The Committee's report disclosed additional receipts totaling \$22,500.00
2021 M7,				on Schedule A supporting Lines 11(a)(i) and 11(c), resulting in an increase
received				of more than 5% and \$10,000.00 over the original report.
8/10/21				
				The Committee filed an Amended 2021 M7 on 10/4/21 and provided
				memo text stating, in part, "The receipts totaling \$22,500 were added in
				after the original report due to the contributions being incorrectly filed."

Failure to Properly Itemize Contributions from Individuals

Report	RFAI Due	Response	Response	Reason for code
	Date	Date(s)	Code	
2021 M4	6/3/21	2/7/22	LAR	Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) failed to disclose adequate identification for 10 of 28, or 35.7%, of the contributions from individuals that require itemization.
				The Committee filed an Amended 2021 M4 on 2/7/22 that reduced the amount of inadequate identification to 9 of 28, or 32.1%, of the contributions from individuals that require itemization.

Failure to Properly Itemize Contributions and Transfers to Political Committees

Report	RFAI Due Date	Response Date(s)	Response Code	Reason for code
Amended 2021 M4, received	6/22/22	N/A	NR	Schedule B supporting Line 23 failed to disclose the office sought for contributions to four (4) federal candidates totaling \$25,000.00.
2/7/22				The Committee failed to respond to the RFAI.
2022 YE	5/8/23	5/9/23	LIR	Schedule B supporting Line 23 failed to disclose the office sought for contributions to four (4) federal candidates totaling \$25,000.00.
				The Committee filed an Amended 2022 YE on 5/9/23 that failed to adequately address the issue.

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