

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: RR 15L-32

Dear Mr. Hobbs:

The Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), has ascertained information in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating that Joni for Iowa, and you, in your official capacity as treasurer ("Committee"), may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). The matter has been referred by the Reports Analysis Division to the Commission's Office of General Counsel for possible enforcement action under 52 U.S.C. § 30109.¹ Specifically, the Committee has been referred for failing to timely refund, reattribute, or redesignate excessive and prohibited contributions, in violation of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b)(2), 30116(a) and (f), and 30118(a). For further information, a copy of the referral document is enclosed. We have numbered this referral RR 15L-32.

The Act affords you the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Committee in this matter. If you wish to file a response, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. §§ 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.²

¹ Notification of this referral is being provided to you pursuant to the Commission's Agency Procedure for Notice to Respondents in Non-Complaint Generated Matters, as published in the Federal Register on August 4, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 38,617).

² The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).

