



March 3, 2020

Mr. Troy Covington, Financial Secretary
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Case Number: 530-6016687 [REDACTED]
LM Number: 056788

Dear Mr. Covington:

This office has recently completed an audit of ATU Local Division 1517 under the Compliance Audit Program (CAP) to determine your organization's compliance with the provisions of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (LMRDA). As discussed during the exit interview with you on March 3, 2020, the following problems were disclosed during the CAP. The matters listed below are not an exhaustive list of all possible problem areas since the audit conducted was limited in scope.

Recordkeeping Violation

Title II of the LMRDA establishes certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Section 206 requires, among other things, that labor organizations maintain adequate records for at least five years by which each receipt and disbursement of funds, as well as all account balances, can be verified, explained, and clarified. As a general rule, labor organizations must maintain all records used or received in the course of union business.

For disbursements, this includes not only original bills, invoices, receipts, vouchers, and applicable resolutions, but also documentation showing the nature of the union business requiring the disbursement, the goods or services received, and the identity of the recipient(s) of the goods or services. In most instances, this documentation requirement can be satisfied with a sufficiently descriptive expense receipt or invoice. If an expense receipt is not sufficiently descriptive, a union officer or employee should write a note on it providing the additional information. For money it receives, the labor organization must keep at least one record showing the date, amount, purpose, and source of that money. The labor organization must also retain bank records for all accounts.

The audit of Local 1517's 2018 records revealed the following recordkeeping violation:

Local 1517 did not retain adequate documentation for reimbursed expenses and credit card expenses incurred by union officers totaling at least \$757.00. For example, a credit card expenditure for \$71.55 for a purchase at "The Rose Shop" did not include any documentation showing the nature of the union business requiring the disbursement. Also, there was no documentation or authorization for a credit card purchase at "WM Supercenter #1902" for \$250.00.

As noted above, labor organizations must retain original receipts, bills, and vouchers for all disbursements. The president and treasurer (or corresponding principal officers) of your union, who are required to sign your union's LM report, are responsible for properly maintaining union records.

I want to extend my personal appreciation to ATU Local Division 1517 for the cooperation and courtesy extended during this compliance audit. I strongly recommend that you make sure this letter and the compliance assistance materials provided to you are passed on to future officers. If we can provide any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Senior Investigator

cc: Mr. Tom Covington, President