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TO: All Political Action Committees
FROM: Tim Hurst, Chief Deputy Secretary of State
RE: Independent Expenditure Advisory
DATE: May 10, 2012

Due to the increased number of independent expenditures being made this year, we feel it is necessary to send out this clarification on the proper reporting of them.

Idaho Code section 67-6611 says:

- “(1) Each person who makes independent expenditures in an aggregate amount exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) in support of or in opposition to any one (1) candidate, political committee or measure, shall file a statement of the expenditure with the secretary of state.
- (2) Statements shall be filed with the secretary of state, not less than seven (7) days prior to the primary and general election and thirty (30) days after the primary and general election.
- (3) The statement shall contain the following information: (a) the name and address of any person to whom an expenditure in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) has been made by any such person in support of or in opposition to any such candidate or issue during the reporting period, together with the amount, date and purpose of each such expenditure; and (b) the total sum of all expenditures made in support of or in opposition to any such candidate or measure.
- (4) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, each person who makes independent expenditures in an aggregate amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more after the sixteenth day before, but more than forty-eight (48) hours before, any primary or general election, shall file a written statement of the expenditure with the secretary of state not more than forty-eight (48) hours from the time of such expenditure. The statement shall include the information required in subsection (3) of this section.”

This requirement can be met by either filing an Independent Expenditure Reporting Form (C-4) which is enclosed or as page 19 of the Campaign Finance Reporting Manual describes, by attaching a sheet to your expenditure report listing the date, amount and purpose of the expenditure along with a list of names of those candidates or issues being supported or opposed with the notation of support or opposition.

If you have questions regarding this matter do not hesitate to contact our office at elections@sos.idaho.gov or at (208) 334-2852.