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Official Statement of the Secretary of State regarding the filing of the Education Voters of Idaho lawsuit.

The voters made it clear, when they passed the Sunshine Initiative, that public disclosure is an essential element of Idaho elections. The citizens want to know where the money comes from and how it's spent. That's been the policy and the law of this state for 38 years.

My job is to enforce that law.

We've asked for disclosure from Education Voters of Idaho (EVI), and advised them of the reporting requirements. We have not been able to resolve this matter, so therefore; this afternoon, my office asked the District Court to order them to disclose their contributions.

Pre-election disclosure is an integral part of the Sunshine Law. This office believes that EVI is a political committee under the law and must report as such. I welcome the involvement of EVI in the electoral process and do not wish to limit their participation. I am simply asking the court to order them to file the Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports that are required by law.