



STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
BEN YSURSA

June 3, 2010

Idaho Citizens for Justice
Jonathan Haines, Chairman
PO Box 1364
Idaho Falls, ID 83403

Mr. Haines,

RE: Notice of Fine Imposition – Pursuant to 67-6625A

You are hereby assessed a fine in the amount of \$1,300 for failure to file Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports required by Chapter 66, Title 67 of the Idaho Code.

In order to provide public disclosure of political activities, Idaho Code 67-6603 requires the appointment of a political treasurer and certification of the appointment with the Secretary of State. It goes on to say that no contributions shall be received or expenditures made by or on behalf of the political committee until the appointment is made and certified to the Secretary of State. No certification of the appointment of a treasurer was received by our office until a C-1 form was specifically requested from you on May 24, 2010.

The reports filed on May 24, 2010 indicate that an expenditure was made by you beginning on May 7, 2010, with other contributions received and expenditures made between May 11 and May 21, 2010. The time between your first expenditure (in the amount of \$10,000) and your certifying a political treasurer was 16 days. Pursuant to I.C. 67-6625A, you are being assessed a fine of \$50 per day for those 16 days, amounting to \$800.

Idaho Code 67-6611 requires the filing of a written statement of expenditures with the Secretary of State not more than 48 hours after an independent expenditure is made amounting to \$1,000 or more after the 16th day before, but not more than 48 hours before, any primary of general election. The report that was received on May 24, 2010 shows that an independent expenditure was made on May 11th, 2010 in the amount of \$12,184 to Riverbend Communications. This report was filed 10 days after the required date and again, only filed after it was requested by our office. Pursuant to I.C. 67-6625A, you are also assessed a fine of \$50 per day for the 10 days you were late in filing this report, amounting to \$500.

The total amount of the fines is \$1,300. It does not include any additional penalties that could be imposed under I.C. 67-6625. One purpose of the Sunshine Law, as stated in I.C. 67-6601, is "to promote openness in government and avoiding secrecy by those giving financial support to state election campaigns..." The Secretary of State is charged with enforcement of this law and we take that charge seriously.

Please submit the \$1,300 to the Office of the Secretary of State by July 2, 2010. You may mail it to P.O. Box 83720; Boise, ID 83720-0080.

Sincerely,



BEN YURSA
Secretary of State

Enclosure: Cited Statutes

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