



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Board of Elections**

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES,  
 ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS OR COVERED  
 TRANSFERS (CF-8)**

Time Stamp  
 (Office Use Only)

Identify Person, Business Entity or PAC responsible for Independent Expenditure, Electioneering Communication or Covered Transfer

Street Address	City/Town, State and Zip Code	Telephone Number
Employer (if applicable)	Occupation (if applicable)	

The Person, Business Entity or PAC has expended more than \$1000 to support or defeat a Candidate or Referendum as follows:

Identify the Candidate(s) on the ballot and whether funds were expended to support or defeat this candidate

\_\_\_\_\_ :  Support  Defeat

Identify the Referendum on the ballot and whether funds were expended to support or defeat this referendum

\_\_\_\_\_ :  Support  Defeat

*Any person, business entity or political action committee making independent expenditures, electioneering communications, or covered transfers shall report all such expenditures provided the total of the money so expended exceeds \$1000 within a calendar year to the Board of Elections within 7 days of making the expenditure.*

Date of Expenditure	Amount of Expenditure	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
		Name and Full Address: Person, Business Entity, PAC Receiving Expenditure
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

**Year to Date Total of All Expenditures in Support or Defeat of This Candidate or Referendum: \$**

*Reports of independent expenditures, electioneering communications or covered transfers by a person, business entity or PAC shall disclose the identity of all donors of an aggregate of \$1000 or more within the current election cycle.*

Date Donation Received	Donation Amount	<u>DONATIONS</u>
		Name, Address and Place of Employment of Donor
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

**Amount from Person's, Business Entity's or PAC's own funds for independent expenditures, electioneering communications or covered transfers in Support or Defeat of this Candidate or Referendum: \$**

The person named below affirms, under penalty of false statement, that no expenditure contained herein is coordinated with the candidate or referendum whose support or defeat is promoted and that information provided is true and accurate and complies with RI General Laws and with Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant to RIGL §17-25.3 et seq.

Identification of Person Responsible for Making Expenditure

Signature of Person Responsible for Making Expenditure

Address, City/Town, State, Zip Code of Person Making Expenditure

Subscribed and Sworn to me this \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

### **Reporting Requirements for Independent Expenditures, Electioneering Communications and Covered Transfers**

#### **WHO NEEDS TO FILE:**

It is lawful for any person, business entity or political action committee (PAC), not otherwise prohibited by law and not acting in coordination with a candidate, authorized candidate committee, PAC or political party committee, to expend personally from that person's own funds a sum which is not to be repaid for any purpose not prohibited by law to support or defeat a candidate or referendum.

#### **WHEN TO FILE:**

Any person, business entity or PAC making independent expenditures, electioneering communications or covered transfers shall report all such expenditures, provided the total of the money so expended exceeds \$1000 within a calendar year, to the Board of Elections within seven (7) days of making the expenditure.

After a person, business entity or PAC files its initial report, the person, business entity or PAC shall file an additional report after each time the person, business entity or PAC makes or contracts to make independent expenditures, electioneering communications or covered transfers aggregating an additional \$1,000 with respect to the same election as that which the initial report relates.

When a report is required within thirty (30) days prior to the election to which the expenditure was directed, it shall be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the expenditure. When such a report is required at any other time, it shall be filed within seven (7) days after the expenditure.

#### **WHAT TO FILE:**

Reports of independent expenditures, electioneering communications or covered transfers by a person shall contain the name, street address, city, state, zip code, occupation, employer, of the person responsible for the expenditure, the name street address, city, state, zip code of the person receiving the expenditure, the date and amount of each expenditure and the year-to-date total. The report shall also include a statement identifying the candidate or referendum that the independent expenditure or electioneering communication is intended to promote the success or defeat, and affirm under penalty of false statement that the expenditure is not coordinated with the candidate or referendum in question.

Reports shall also disclose the identify, which includes the name, address and place of employment and donation amount, of all donors of an aggregate of \$1000 or more to such person, business entity or PAC within the current election cycle.

#### **PENALTIES:**

Any person, who willfully and knowingly violates the provisions of Chapter 25.3 of Title 17 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$1000 per violation. The state Board of Elections may impose a civil penalty upon any person, business or PAC who violates the provisions of Chapter 25.3 of Title 17 in the amount of \$1000, or up to 150% of the aggregate amount of the independent expenditures, electioneering communications or covered transfers per violation, whichever is greater.

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BEARING ORIGINAL SIGNATURES.**

**If you have any questions on how to complete this form, please contact the Board of Elections.**