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Nicholas Boldyga
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Re: CPF-08-92

Dear Mr. Boldyga:

This office has completed its review of a complaint received regarding your disclosure of expenditures to pay rent for a campaign office. Specifically, your pre-primary and pre-election reports filed for your 2008 candidacy for state representative in the 3rd Hampden district did not disclose payments, contributions or liabilities for your campaign headquarters.

The campaign finance law requires political committees to file timely disclosures of all expenditures made, in-kind contributions received, and liabilities incurred to pay the costs associated with a campaign office. See M.G.L. c. 55, § 18.

Your committee disclosed, on a year-end campaign finance report filed with this office, an expenditure of \$500 for office space used for the period October 17 to November 5, 2008. There was no disclosure relating to any use of the office prior to October 17, and you have stated that the office was not used for any period before October 17. Based on the disclosure in your year-end report and the information you provided during the course of OCPF's review, we believe that this matter may be closed at this time.

You should note that, in addition to requiring timely disclosure of all financial activity, the campaign finance law also prohibits the receipt of "any money or other valuable thing" from a business or professional corporation. See M.G.L. c. 55, § 8. To the extent a corporation, such as T.J. Welch, Inc., which leased the office space to you, provides something of value to a candidate's committee, the committee must reimburse the corporation for the full fair market value of the goods or services provided.

In accordance with an opinion issued by the Supervisor of Public Records, this letter is a public record. A copy is being provided to the person(s) who brought this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Sullivan
Director

