



**Form CPF M18A: Report of Independent Expenditures  
Promoting Election or Defeat of Candidate(s)  
Office of Campaign and Political Finance**

Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts

File with: Local Election Official (except as  
indicated on the reverse of this form)

1. Expenditure(s) made by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of individual or group making expenditures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

2. Candidate(s) supported or opposed by expenditure(s) and office(s) sought:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office Sought

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office Sought

3. Expenditure(s) were made to (check one): support \_\_\_\_\_ / oppose \_\_\_\_\_ the named candidate(s).

4. Expenditure(s) (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Date Paid or Incurred	To Whom Paid or Owed	Address	Purpose	Amount
<b>TOTAL:</b>				

I hereby certify the expenditures noted are independent expenditures, as defined by M.G.L. c. 55, section 1:

(1) the individual(s) or group who made the expenditure(s) described herein did not solicit or receive any contributions in contemplation of such expenditure(s); and (2) the individual(s) or group who made the expenditure(s) described herein did not, in making such expenditure(s), cooperate, consult or act in concert with or at the request or suggestion of any candidate, or political committee organized on behalf of any candidate, or any agent of a candidate or any political committee.

I further certify that all statements made herein are true and accurate.

**Signed under the penalties of perjury:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of individual signer and title (if signing on behalf of a group)

### **\*Who Should File This Form?**

Any individual, group or association not defined as a political committee, which makes an independent expenditure(s) in an aggregate amount exceeding \$250.00 during any calendar year for the express purpose of promoting the election or defeat of any candidate(s).

### **What is An Independent Expenditure?**

M.G.L. Chapter 55, section 1 states in part:

*'Independent expenditure' is defined as "an expenditure made, or liability incurred by an individual, group, or association for goods and services expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate which is made without cooperation or consultation with any candidate, or a nonelected political committee organized on behalf of a candidate, or any agent of a candidate and which is not made in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate, or any nonelected political committee organized on behalf of a candidate or agent of such candidate."*

### **When Should This Form Be Filed?**

This report must be filed within seven (7) business days of the date after the goods or services are utilized, where the aggregate independent expenditure(s) exceed \$250.00 during a calendar year.\*

\*In addition, for each independent expenditure made that exceeds the aggregate amount of \$250, after the 10th day but more than 24 hours before the date of any election or preliminary, a report shall be filed within 24 hours of making the expenditure. See M.G.L. c. 55, s. 18A(b) and (c).

### **Where Should This Form Be Filed?**

For expenditures to support or oppose state, county or municipal candidates who file with the director, the report should be filed with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance electronically at [www.mass.gov/ocpf/ind\\_exp.htm](http://www.mass.gov/ocpf/ind_exp.htm).

For expenditures to support or oppose any other municipal candidate, this form should be filed with the local election official.

### **For further information:**

Please contact the Office of Campaign and Political Finance at (617)979-8300 / (800)462-OCPF or visit the office's website at [www.mass.gov/ocpf](http://www.mass.gov/ocpf).