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**Ballot question committee agrees to
campaign finance violation, pays \$5,000**

The Campaign for Our Children's Future Ballot Question Committee failed to accurately and publicly disclose its 2006 and 2007 campaign finance activity in a timely manner, and has agreed to pay a \$5,000 civil forfeiture to the state, according to an agreement between the committee and the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF).

The committee, organized to support Question 3 on the 2006 state ballot, did not file a 2007 year-end report by the due date, Jan. 22, 2008. Question 3 sought collective bargaining powers for child care providers who provide state-subsidized child care.

OCPF sent four late notices to the committee from Jan. 23 to April 30, 2008, but the campaign finance report remained unfiled. OCPF then referred the committee to the Attorney General for failure to file. The committee ultimately filed the report on Dec. 15, 2008.

The report contained a substantial amount of financial activity in 2007, including \$32,815 in expenditures. The largest expenditure was a \$31,395 payment to the Dewey Square Group of Boston for consulting services rendered in 2006. The consulting and other services were provided to the committee prior to the 2006 election cycle. However, the committee failed to disclose the expenditures as liabilities on any of the periodic reports from 2006 or in the year-end report, as required by the state campaign finance law.

In addition to the \$5,000 civil forfeiture, the committee also amended its 2006 campaign finance reports to disclose its liabilities and dissolved as a committee.

The agreement was signed by OCPF Director Michael J. Sullivan and Andrew Tripp, the committee's treasurer.

