

## 1. **Announcements & Important Meetings**

### Federal Election Security Funds

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) accepted our narrative and budget for the federal funds to enhance election security. Included in the board meeting folder is a copy of the narrative and budget we submitted. These reports are also posted on the EAC's website.

### Maryland's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council

On July 25th, Nikki Charlson and I attended the council's quarterly meeting. The council is made up of federal, State and local governmental entities involved in anti-terrorism activities. These entities include the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Department of Homeland Security, the armed forces, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Maryland Transit Authority, and local law enforcement agencies. During this meeting, Nikki explained how State and local election officials protect election systems and data.

### South Carolina Election Officials' Conference

On August 7th, Nikki attended the South Carolina's statewide election officials conference and presented how Maryland conducts its post-election ballot tabulation audit. In the next two to four years, South Carolina will likely transition from an electronic voting system to a paper-based voting system, and the State Election Director wanted State and local election officials to learn how we implemented our post-election ballot tabulation audit.

### Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) National Table Top Exercise (TTX)

On August 13th, State and local election officials participated in a national table top exercise with election officials from over 20 other states. DHS lead the exercise via a video conference call, and we participated from the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections' facility. Various scenarios were presented to each state, and federal officials and State and local election officials answered defined questions. The level of participation by the federal government was impressive and demonstrated their commitment to supporting election officials.

## 2. **Election Reform and Management**

### Statewide Table Top Exercise (TTX)

On August 16th, State and local election officials participated in a statewide table top exercise. Using the model developed by the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, participants responded to many scenarios in a short period of time and practiced their responses to particular situations. There were nearly 100 participants, including Directors, Deputy Directors and Information Technology staff from the local boards of elections, staff from the State Board of Elections, and vendors.

## 3. **Voter Registration**

### Welcome

Nikia Wilbon-Turner will be joining the MDVOTERS team on Wednesday, August 29th. Nikia will be replacing Stacey Johnson as MDVOTERS System Administrator. Nikia comes to SBE from Maryland's Juvenile Services.

### MVA Electronic Records Update

SBE worked with MVA to manage the receipt of the 80,000+ MVA transactions that had not been forwarded when they occurred. The transfer of data and corresponding signatures to the MDVOTERS (statewide voter registration database) took around seventy-five hours to complete.

Since some of the transactions may have occurred as long as fifteen months ago, there was deep concern that “newer” data might be overwritten. Permitting only restricted access by limited SBE and LBE users to the data, a sampling of the records were reviewed and processed to access the danger/feasibility of allowing normal processing by the LBEs. The outcome was that each record required a thorough examination of history prior to processing and it increased the normal processing time eight to ten-fold. From the sampling, it was believed that the probability of errors in processing these records by any user greatly increased.

MDVOTERS system development time is completely allocated to pre-designated tasks. However, because of possible errors and the time required for processing, a request was made to the system developers to perform a review and compare the MVA data to existing data. Although time was lost for development of other parts of the system, the initial comparison reduced the number of records that needed to be processed from 80,000+ to 47,061. A subsequent examination reduced the number that needed to be processed down to 30,915 records. Those 30,000 records will be released gradually to the LBEs for processing. A remaining 16,146 records, which do not have a name and address match, and which have been updated in some manner in the past sixteen months, will require special processing to avoid errors. These records will be processed by SBE, with the assistance of a few select LBE processors. The backlog of data will require considerable time but will be processed prior to the close of registration for the general election.

### MDVOTERS

SBE hosted the annual Joint Application Development (JAD) meeting to discuss and prioritize issues and enhancements regarding candidacy, voter registration and the upcoming agency election management system (AEMS) for the upcoming year. There will be quarterly releases and the schedule for the timing of those releases will be forthcoming.

### MVA Transactions

During the month of July 2018, MVA collected the following voter registration transactions:

New Registration - 17,457	Residential Address Changes - 28,683
Last name changes - 3,094	Political Party Changes - 4,567

### Non-Citizens

Removal of non-citizens - 17

Removal of non-citizens who voted - 2

Removal of non-citizens who voted multiple times - 6

Removal of non-citizens with no voter history - 9

Non-citizens forwarded to the Office of the State Prosecutor - 17

Total referred from January 2018 to date: 55

### Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

Since joining ERIC in 2012, the total number of voter registration records impacted is:

- Cross State Report (another member state has newer information than MD): 299,817
- Potential Duplicates: 9,008
- In-State Updates (more recent information at MVA): 283,893
- Deceased (according to the Social Security Administration): 53,662
- NCOA (USPS National Change of Address program): 795,418

#### **4. Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division**

##### Candidacy

August 6th was the deadline for filing the certificate of candidacy for the non-principal political parties and petition candidates.

Tuesday, August 28th is the deadline for a candidate to decline the nomination before the General Election. If a nominee declines the nomination, the central committee of that political party has until Friday, September 7 to fill the vacancy.

##### Campaign Finance

On August 28th, the 2018 Pre-General 1 Report is due for all gubernatorial election participating political committees. Currently, the CCF Division has over 2,300 participating political committees in the gubernatorial election. Notices of the due date of the report have been sent to the chair, treasurer and candidates for those committees. Failure to file timely will result in a fine of \$10 per day up to \$500. The late fee must be paid with campaign funds.

As of July 31, 2018, Montgomery County disbursed \$4,097,761 to qualified candidates for the Primary election. 23 candidates qualified for the program. A total of 5 candidates (2 District, 2 At-large and 1 County executive) received the maximum disbursement of public funds. There are 9 candidates in the program for the General Election. 2 candidates are not eligible for disbursements because they are unopposed. As of July 31, 2018, Montgomery County disbursed \$287,704 to qualified candidates for the General election.

##### Campaign Finance Enforcement

The following committees had an authority line violation and paid a civil penalty as noted:

- Friends of Michele Gregory- \$50.00 on 7/19/2018
- Ivory Smith – Democratic Central Committee Candidate (Wicomico)- \$50.00 on 7/19/2018
- Matthew Davidson – Democratic Central Committee Candidate (Wicomico)- \$50.00 on 7/27/2018
- Friends of Tessa Hill-Aston- \$250.00 on 7/31/2018
- Jake Burdett – Democratic Central Committee Candidate (Wicomico) \$50.00 on 7/31/2018
- Friends of Janet Siddiqui- \$250.00 civil penalty on 7/18/2018
- Friends of Julian Ivey- \$250.00 on 8/15/2018
- Friends of Aaron Axe- \$250.00 on 8/1/2018
- Crystal Jones – Democratic Central Committee Candidate- \$50 on 7/31/2018

## 5. **Project Management Office (PMO)**

### Inventory: Excess Equipment Disposal

The PMO continued to work with the Department of General Services (DGS) and the State's contract recycler to dispose of the TS-R6 voting system and other legacy equipment and supplies. To date, all of the 18,940 TS-R6 units have been picked up by the recycler. In addition, the recycler did pick up the 300 TSX units. SBE continued to work with DGS to auction different types of equipment to include cart shelves, printers, monitors, power cords,

After making several attempts to sell the TS-R6 black cases, it was determined that the 17,240 cases will be sent to trash using the State's trash contractor.

### Inventory System Updates

Officially, the FY2018 Inventory Audit period has ended. The statewide FY2018 inventory audit compliance is currently at 96.68%. SBE will continue to work with the local boards to reconcile the outstanding issues in preparation for the annual reporting due to the Department of General Services in September. SBE did submit the required reporting for August.

### Other

SBE has continued its work with the Worcester County Board of Elections and Worcester County concerning the financial concerns as it pertains to the replaced equipment. The uncleaned equipment, that is still located at the SBE Central Warehouse, will be disposed of according to DGS' disposal requirements.

## 6. **Voting Systems**

### Post-Election Maintenance

After the certification of results and the completion of recounts, the election equipment was released. The local boards are now conducting the required post-election maintenance on the equipment, paying special attention to any equipment reported as having issues during early voting and on Election Day. In addition, SBE assisted the local boards by examining machine logs to identify issues that may not have been noted.

If any unit requires repair, ES&S will perform that repair. Scanners and ExpressVote ballot marking units are repaired at the local boards' warehouses, and pollbooks are repaired by ES&S at ES&S' Bowie warehouse in Bowie. All post-election maintenance should be complete by mid-September.

### Electronic Pollbooks

SBE continues to work with ES&S on the pollbook software. While there is not a planned software release between now and the general election in November, we are keen to ensure any changes are included in the next release in 2019.

### Comprehensive Audit

The voting systems team continues to gather data for the 2018 Primary Election post-election comprehensive audit. This includes verifying the opening times for all the polling places and identifying the number of "offline" provisional ballots that were issued. This follows the post-election audit and verification that took place last month.

### Training

The training databases for both the voting equipment and the pollbooks have been created, largely by the regional managers. These databases are used for training election judges, technicians and other temporary staff.

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August 23, 2018

Ratification of State Board Vote to Certify Recount Election Results  
House of Delegates, Legislative District 16  
Democratic Party

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the Maryland State Board of Elections, having assembled and organized as required by law, certify the election results from the Recount conducted on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for Democratic House of Delegates, Legislative District 16 in the Gubernatorial Primary Election held on June 26, 2018.

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David J. McManus, Chairman

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Date

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Patrick J. Hogan, Vice Chairman

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Date

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Malcolm L. Funn, Member

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda H. Lamone, Administrator

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Memorandum

**TO:** State Board Members  
**FROM:** Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
**DATE:** August 23, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Waiver of late filing fees standards

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by campaign committees that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each committee as well as the Administrator's recommendation for Board approval on granting a waiver request.

In the past the Board has considered the following facts in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

- Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
- The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family.
- The late report is the first late report and allows the committee to close, or contains minimal financial activity.
- The fee will cause undue financial hardship, if the liability of the fine is the personal responsibility of the officers.
- Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. Note the recommendations that you may disagree with or have questions on that you would like to discuss.

Pursuant to Election Law Article §13-337 (b) (3), the State Administrator has denied fourteen waiver request, for the month of August. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for Late Fee Waivers are \$34,731

Please feel free to contact me at 410-269-2853 if you have any questions.



## August Waiver Request

1. Briggs, Raymond Citizens for
2. Butcher, Sidney A. Friends of
3. Cason, Deborah for Education
4. Chao, Sean Citizens for
5. Colbert, Ronald Committee to Elect
6. Cooke, Frank Friends of
7. Costello, Eric for Baltimore
8. Egan, John W. Citizens for
9. Fisher, Arlene B. Committee, Citizen to Elect
10. Greene, Ryan C. Citizens for
11. Hall, Libby (Elizabeth) Citizens to Elect
12. Hamilton, Timothy for BOE3
13. Harris, Marcus Citizens for
14. Hawks, John for Council
15. Hernandez, George for Delegate
16. Hodge, Gary V. Citizens for
17. Kasecamp, Terry Lynn Citizens for
18. KIDL PAC
19. Lynch, Mark S. Friends of
20. Manufactured Housing Institute Of Maryland-PAC
21. Marsh, Kathryn At Lee Committee for
22. McGee, Jim Friends of
23. Melcavage, (Peter) for Council
24. Mirabile, Russ NO TAX Friends of
25. Montgomery Women - Leadership & Political Action Committee
26. Newcomb Jr., James A. for Caroline BOE
27. Nickerson, Colin (Daniel) Citizens for
28. OMarr, Jamie Carroll for
29. Perry, Darryl Friends of
30. Patterson, Scott for States Attorney
31. Scott, Makeda 4 Board of Education
32. Szeliga, Kathy Friends Of
33. Tinus, Edward J. Friends of
34. Wells, (Robert) for BOE
35. Witherspoon Antwine, Candace Friends of
36. Wentworth, Nicholas Citizens for

## August Waiver Request

### Denied

1. Ali, Saqib Friends of
2. Bishop, John, Committee to Elect
3. Bowser, Alan Friends of
4. Bury, Betsy Friends of
5. Conaway, Frank M. Jr." Baby Bear", Committee for
6. Cooper, Tyrone for the People
7. Geary, Dan Friends of
8. Gifford, Norman Friends to Elect
9. Joseph, Denise District 9 Citizens for
10. Malikidogo-Fludd, Kenge for County Council District 5
11. Reeder, Percy Citizens for
12. Robinson, Barbara A. Friends of
13. Vandenberg, John for Registrar
14. Washington, Eric Friends of

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Briggs, Raymond Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012930	<b>Status:</b> 4/09/18
<b>Date Established</b>	4/09/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	6/27/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Milburn Matthews	<b>Start Date:</b> 4/09/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Tony Mcphail	4/09/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/06/18	\$270	\$270
			\$	\$
			Total	\$270

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

5/22/18 late \$20 paid

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

We never received the campaign finance email notifications due to the browser preventing delivery for Comcast, AOL

### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$135.

### Administrator's Decision



*Citizens to Elect Raymond Briggs*  
*6119 Sunny Lane*  
*Baltimore, MD 21207*  
*Telephone: 443-560-5863*  
*E-Mail: [electraybriggs@gmail.com](mailto:electraybriggs@gmail.com)*

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June 22, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections  
Campaign Finance Committee  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Sir/Madame:

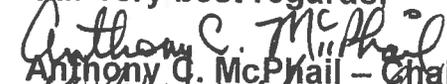
Pursuant of our telephone conversation with your office today, we are kindly asking your consideration of waiving the \$150 penalty levied against the *Citizens for Raymond Briggs Committee* for late submittal of the May and June 2018 Campaign Finance Reports. While speaking to your office, we were apprised of the communication circumstance below that was beyond our knowledge and control:

- 1) We never received the Campaign Finance Report due date E-Mail notifications sent from your office due to the computer browsers for Comcast and AOL preventing their delivery.
- 2) Once we received the late filing notice on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we immediately contacted your office for direction concerning proper submittal of the reports and paying the late fees. We were told to submit this request for waiver consideration due to the above-mentioned communication failures.

This is our initial participation in the primary election process and we sincerely hope to be involved in the general election going forward.

We graciously appreciate your assistance in resolving this matter!

Our very best regards,

  
Anthony C. McPhail – Chairman

  
Milburn Matthews – Treasurer  
Citizens to Elect Raymond Briggs

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Butcher, Sidney A. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012883	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	8/02/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Balvin Brown	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sidney Butcher	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/18/18	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
			Total	\$60

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

There were some computer issues that have been resolved as well as an error believing the report had been submitted.
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Division of Candidacy & campaign Finance  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

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July 25, 2018

Director DeMarinis:

We are in receipt of the July 16<sup>th</sup> notice of the \$60 late filing fee for the late submission of the 6/15/2018 report. There were some computer issues that have been resolved and an error believing the report has been submitted.

Since the beginning of the reports an affidavit has been filed because we have not raised sufficient funds. The request is that the \$60 late fee be waived. If not, please advise at your earliest convenience so that steps can be taken to remedy this situation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any other information needed.

Sincerely,

*Sidney A. Butcher*

Sidney A. Butcher  
Friends of Sidney Butcher

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Cason, Deborah for Education	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012495	<b>Status:</b> InActive
<b>Date Established</b>	2/23/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/02/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Gloria Cason	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/23/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Deb Cason	2/23/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/01/18	\$160	\$160
			\$	\$
			Total	\$160

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This was my first time running for office I was not familiar with the reporting system procedures. I was under the impression that I could close the account at anytime.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

Deborah Cason  
1202 Nuwood Drive  
Catonsville, Md. 21228

Linda H. Lamone  
Administrator, State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, Md. 21401-0486

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Re: Late Fee

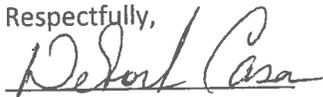
Dear Linda Lamone,

My name is Deborah Cason and I was running for Baltimore County Board of Education district 1. This was my first time ever running for any office. I was not familiar with the financial reporting procedures. However, I did not have any campaign money to open a campaign account. Since I was not going to spend more than \$1000.00 of my own money, I was under the impression that I could close the account and that is what I did.

Later, I received in the mail a bill for a late fee payment of \$160.00. I phoned the State Board of Elections office and spoke to a representative that informed me, that as long as I was still running that I could not close the account. At that time I went on line and submitted my financial report for both quarters, the past quarter and current quarter.

I am asking that the late fee be waived, since it was not my intention to ignore or delay submitting a financial report. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and may God bless you. If you need any additional information you can contact me at 410-744-7224.

Respectfully,



Deborah Cason

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Chao, Sean Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012251	Status: Active
Date Established	1/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/16/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Joshan Flowers	Start Date: 1/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sean Chao	1/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/21/18	\$120	\$120
			\$	\$
			Total	\$120

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This is my first campaign, and I am prone to mistake please take into consideration that I quickly remedy the situation
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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Sean Chao, on behalf of Citizens for Sean Chao  
504 Bricker Drive, Fort Washington, MD 20744  
Phone: 240-432-2470

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Maryland State Board of Elections  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

**RE: REQUEST FOR REVERSAL OF \$120.00 LATE FEE AGAINST CITIZENS FOR SEAN CHAO**

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

A few days ago, I received a notice addressed to my campaign committee, *Citizens for Sean Chao*, stating that my committee had been late in a previous filing, and as such, our request to close out the account could not be granted until a late fee of \$120.00 is paid out.

Upon receipt of your notice, I promptly called the Maryland BOE office and discussed the situation. I notified your associate over the phone that my Treasurer, Ms. Joshan Abdul-Jalaal, had forgotten about the previous filing deadline. Upon discovery a few days after the deadline, I immediately had my team submit an ALCE. Your kind associate stated that issues such as this happen often, and that I can appeal for a reversal of the charges through a letter, as I am doing now. She further stated that the board usually grants leniency to candidates that provide mitigating reasons for the delay.

I would thus at this time humbly request that you reverse the late charges currently outstanding. I want to begin by stating that this oversight is entirely my fault; I accept full responsibility for the conduct of my committee and am sincerely sorry to you, the Maryland Board of Education, and the people of Maryland. Although not an excuse, this is my first campaign for political office. As such, I am prone to mistakes, and I pray that you take into consideration that I worked quickly to remedy the situation as soon as I discovered the problem. Separately, my entire campaign accepted a total of \$200.00 across all reporting periods, combined. The current late fees of \$120.00 are thus over 50% of my entire campaign. Insisting on collecting this charge would add further financial burden to an otherwise simple guy that just wanted to make a difference in our wonderful state. I lost in the June primaries, but I still won my goal of reaching out to the community and having our citizens think a little harder about the people they are electing into office down ballot.

In close, I pray that you grant my request to reverse the charges. My ignorance and infrequent communication with my committee officers gave rise to the late filing, and I will make sure that if I am fortunate enough to run again, that I will not make the same mistake. I thank you deeply for your time and consideration.

Very Respectfully,



Sean P. Chao  
Former Candidate  
Maryland House of Delegates-D26

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Colbert, Ronald Committee to Elect	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011652	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	4/06/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/16/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Margaret Apgar	<b>Start Date: 4/06/17</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Ron Colbert	4/06/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/30/18	\$140	\$140
			\$	\$
			Total	\$140

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

After several attempts to file by the deadline date I was finally able to reach someone for assist

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

To whom it my concern:

Please find my check for late filing fees to State Board of Elections. I would like to have the following on record if I may please. After several failed attempts to file by the deadline date, I was finally able to reach someone to assist. The online filing had continuous errors to which I needed assistance to work around. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank You,

Ron Colbert

301-641-4777

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Cooke, Frank Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012686	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/23/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Charles Condon	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/27/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Mary Losty	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/19/18	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This is my first time acting as treasurer, we had issues with a 12 year computer.
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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**Charles P. Condon**  
306 Mill Street  
Cambridge, MD 21613

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July 17, 2018

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Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
151 West Street Ste 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

The purpose of this letter is to offer explanation on a recent 2018 Pre-Primary<sup>2</sup> Gubernatorial Campaign Finance Report that was filed late on Behalf of Account: Cooke, Frank Friends of, CCF ID: 01012686; and request abatement of the late fee.

This is my first time acting as Treasurer for a campaign such as this. I have a 12 year old computer that was acting up the day the report was due, and once that day had passed it was off my calendar.

We request penalty abatement as this was our first time filing late and we have put in additional safeguards to ensure it will not happen again.

Sincerely yours,



Charles P. Condon  
Treasurer

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Costello, Eric for Baltimore	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011075	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	10/14/14	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/30/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Mike Madden	<b>Start Date:</b> 10/14/14
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Mary Sheehan	10/14/14
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/26/18	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$2600	\$17022	\$110829	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Recently our committee wrote transfer check to several candidate this triggered our committee being required to file for the gubernatorial cycle. We are always timely with our reports.

### Division Comments

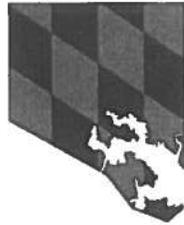
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COUNCILMAN ERIC  
**COSTELLO**

11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

July 25, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections  
Attn: Vicki Molina  
PO Box 6486  
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Vicki,

I am writing to ask that the recent \$80.00 fine be forgiven. Typically my Committee is on the Presidential cycle and we have NEVER filed a late report. Recently, the Eric Costello for Baltimore Committee account wrote transfer checks to several candidates. This action triggered my Committee being required to file for this years' Gubernatorial cycle. As soon as we realized we needed to do this, we contacted the Board of Elections and filed a report right away. Again, we've always filed on time and I am asking for this late fee to be reversed.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Costello".

Eric Costello  
Eric Costello for Baltimore

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Egan, John W. Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012555	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/12/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Sarah Egan	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	John Egan	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/8/18	\$290	\$290
			\$	\$
			Total	\$290

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I was running for school board and was unfamiliar with your system
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### Division Comments

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### Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Citizens for John W. Egan <sup>CCFID</sup> Account Number: 01012555

Date of Request: 7/9/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 290.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: JOHN W. EGAN

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): ALCE for 6/15/18

The basis for the request: I was running for School Board, Baltimore County, District 3. This was my first time running for an elected office and was unfamiliar w/ your system and reporting requirements. We solicited no money and collected no money for campaign. My wife, the Treasurer of the campaign had shoulder replacement surgery in late May and we both were distracted.

I apologize for the inconvenience we caused you. I would be grateful if you would be kind enough to waive this late fee. I have subsequently closed the campaign.

(Signature)

(Date)

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7/9/18  
John W. Egan

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Fisher, Arlene B. Committee, Citizen to Elect	
CCF ID:	01012934	Status: Active
Date Established	4/10/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/19/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Tanya Sinclair	Start Date: 4/10/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Jerry Sykes	4/10/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/18/118	\$390	\$390
			\$	\$
			Total	\$390

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am respectfully requesting a waiver of the fees accessed. When I attempted to file the report it wouldn't let me submit it.
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Citizens to Elect Arlene Account Number: 01012934

Date of Request: 7/19/18 <sup>B. Fisher</sup> Total Amount of late fees: \$ 390.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Tanya L. Sinclair

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 6/15/18 Pre-Primary 2

The basis for the request: I am respectfully requesting a waiver for the late fees that were assessed. I did not receive any notices/emails about the due date until after the deadline. Also, when I was attempting to send the report it would not allow me to submit the report - I could only review/print. I am always efficient & pro-active with deadlines but this report was out of my control. I am respectfully requesting a one-time waiver.

Tanya L. Sinclair  
(Signature)

7/19/18  
(Date)

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Verification: _____	
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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Greene, Ryan C. Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012425	Status: Active
Date Established	2/09/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/25/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Lashana Lewis	Start Date: 2/09/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ryan Greene	2/09/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/01/18	\$220	\$220
			\$	\$
			Total	\$220

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$1260	\$1114	\$145	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I upload the spread sheet on 6/16/18 not realizing that wasn't the only step for the report.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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## Fwd: Waiver Request for Late Fee Bill

1 message

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**Vicki Molina -SBE-** <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Wed, Jul 25, 2018 at 3:32 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ryan Greene** <info@greene4district6.com>  
Date: Wed, Jul 25, 2018 at 2:45 PM  
Subject: Waiver Request for Late Fee Bill  
To: <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>, info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

I am requesting a waiver of the late fees for the campaign finance report for Citizens for Ryan C. Greene. (CCF ID 01012425). Our amount owed is \$220. On June 16, I uploaded the spreadsheet of transactions not realizing that wasn't the only step for the report. My previous two reports were affidavits so this was the campaign's first real report. I was notified the report wasn't filed, and after the primary, went through and completed the report. I'm requesting that \$200 of the fee be waived since we didn't know and this is our first campaign. Our campaign doesn't have any fund remaining to cover the late fee. I can be contacted at 443-380-0995 or info@greene4district6.com

Thank you,

### **Ryan C. Greene**

Candidate  
Prince George's County Council, District 6

Website: [www.Greene4District6.com](http://www.Greene4District6.com)  
Email: [info@greene4district6.com](mailto:info@greene4district6.com)  
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Vicki  
Victoria Molina  
State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
410.269.2874  
vicki.molina@maryland.gov - please note this is my new email address

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Hall, Libby (Elizabeth) Citizens to Elect	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012214	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	01/19/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/16/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Courtney Flaherty	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/19/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Libby Hall	1/19/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

My treasurer thought she had submitted the report, she didn't realize there was another step.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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## Campaign finance report late fee

1 message

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**Libby Hall** <thelibbyhall@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 16, 2018 at 1:29 PM

To: victorica.smith@maryland.gov

I received an email today informing me I owed \$130 in late fees for late filing of report. (Hall, Libby citizens to elect) CCF ID 01012214. I am requesting the fees to be waived. When I got the notice that the report was late I contacted my treasurer. she though she had submitted it...she said she would submit again. she said there was a new form and she may have mistakenly done something wrong. We apologize if that happened.

Your approval would be appreciated.

Libby Hall

Sent from my iPad

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Hamilton, Timothy for BOE	
CCF ID:	01012537	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	8/10/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Car Curran	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tim Hamilton	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		8/10/18	\$500	\$500
5/22/18		8/10/18	\$500	\$500
4/17/18		8/10/18	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Shortly after filing. I had a change in employment which required a lot of travel, I was unaware that I need to close out my committee.
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### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$1000.
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### Administrator's Decision

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August 6 2018

Timothy Hamilton, Chairman  
Hamilton, Timothy for BOE  
5692 April Journey  
Columbia, MD 21044

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Timothy Hamilton, and I was a first time candidate for Howard County Board of Education in the 2018 Primary Election.

Shortly after filing for candidacy, I had a change in employment, which requires significant travel. As such, I decided not to actively campaign. My Finance Committee had no expenditures or contributions throughout the election cycle.

Unfortunately, I was not aware that I needed to close out my committee. Thus, I unknowingly accrued late fees for each of the three reports: Spring 2018, Pre Primary I, Pre Primary II..

I am writing to request that these fees be waived for the three reports. I have attached an Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for each of these three reports. My sincere apologies for this oversight.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 443-670-2067 or [timothy.h.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.h.hamilton@gmail.com) with any questions or follow up on this matter.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and support.



Timothy Hamilton

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Harris, Marcus Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012531	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/24/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/22/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Insoo Harris	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/24/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Marcus Harris	2/24/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/01/18	\$220	\$220
			\$	\$
			Total	\$220

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

We were campaign very hard with very little help, the report filing was an oversight on our part., we ask that you consider our request.
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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Citizens for Marcus Harris  
5185 Ilchester Woods Way  
Ellicott City MD, 21043

Mr. Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MS 21041-0486

July 22, 2018

**Re: Late Fee Bill - 2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial**

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

This letter is in response to your letter notification of a late fee being charged to our campaign fee for filing our campaign finance form after the stated deadline during the 2018 Pre-Primary phase of this election season. We want you to know that we fully assume the responsibility for this error. We do however offer some explanations for the error below.

He is a first-time candidate. He is throwing all of his energy into the campaign by meeting with community groups, participating in candidate forums and otherwise engaging in the process of getting his name out to the voters of Howard County. Prior to the primary election, he was working with very little help. Given the amount of work he was attempting to get done in a relatively short amount of time, it is easy to see how an important detail like the filing could be overseen.

We want to assure the State Board of Elections that the error will not be repeated. We have brought some experienced staffers on to our team so we anticipate a smoother administrative process going forward. To that end, we request that the about referenced fine be waived.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either my wife Insoo-Lee Harris or myself at the address above or via email at [mrh3668@aol.com](mailto:mrh3668@aol.com). Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Marcus Harris  
Chairperson  
Citizens for Marcus Harris

Insoo Lee- Harris  
Treasurer  
Citizens for Marcus Harris

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Hawks, John for Council	
CCF ID:	01011591	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/23/17	
Date Waiver Requested	7/05/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Lisa Poist	Start Date: 2/23/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Brice Dowell	2/23/17
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/18/18	\$60	\$60
5/22/18		6/13/18	\$280	\$280
			Total	\$340

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

On the 1/17/18 report I made an error of a loan in the amount of \$27,064 I was waiting for someone to call me back as I was not able to correct it.

### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$170

### Administrator's Decision

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## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: JOHN HAWKS for Council Account Number: 01011591

Date of Request: 7-5-18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 340.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: LISA POIST, COMMITTEE TREASURER

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 5/22/18 & 6/15/18

The basis for the request: On my original report dated Jan 2018, there was an erroneous <sup>loan</sup> amount of \$27064.16 which I was unable to back of the report. I spoke with someone @ SBE on 1/17/18 - they were unable to adj this amount as well. I was told to send the report in "as is" and I would be contacted when they looked at the report. I was never contacted & I didn't file the May report, as I was still waiting on the follow up by SBE.

At this time, the candidate is not running for office as he had received reports from his doctor stating that he will have close to 95% vision loss in the near future.

(Signature)

(Date)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Hernandez, George for Delegate	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012250	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	1/25/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/27/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Sonia Hernandez	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/25/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	George Herrnandez	1/25/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/03/18	\$180	\$180
4/17/18		6/03/18	\$470	\$470
			Total	\$650

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

5/22/18 4/17/18
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am not doing any fundraising and do not have any money for my campaign.

### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$325.00

### Administrator's Decision

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Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
george.hernandez3@gmail.com

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July 25, 2018

Lina H. Lamone  
Administrator  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street Suite 200  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Ms. Linda Lamone,

I filed my campaign report late and currently have a late fee on my account. I am appealing to you to forgive this amount. I am not doing any fundraising and do not have any money for my campaign. I originally thought that only those candidates who raised money needed to file a report, and only later did I learn that I needed to submit an affidavit if I was not raising any money. This was my mistake, and I assure you I will not repeat it. This is my first time running for public office and I am learning the process. The consequences of not filing this report, which are up to a \$1,000.00 fine and imprisonment for up to one year would be detrimental to my father who stays with me and who I support. He is retired, has diabetes and relies on my financial as well as emotional support. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely,



Hernandez, George for Delegate  
CCF ID: 01012250

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Hodge, Gary V. Citizens For	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01000886	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	3/15/02	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/05/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Steve Walter	<b>Start Date:</b> 3/15/02
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Gary Hodge	3/15/02
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/02/18	\$230	\$230
5/22/18		7/02/18	\$470	\$470
			Total	\$700

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/17 late fee \$10 paid  
 5/27/14 late fee \$20 paid  
 1/16/13 late fee \$10 paid

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am not a candidate for election this year I have not solicited or collected any funds and have no funds in my account

### Division Comments

Grant for 6/15/18, deny for 5/22/18 report.

### Administrator's Decision

Subject: **Request for Waiver of Late Fees**  
Date: 7/2/2018 11:11:24 PM Eastern Standard Time  
From: garyvhodge@aol.com  
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov

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Jared DeMarinis  
Director  
Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

I recently received Fee Running Notices for late 2018 Pre-Primary1 and 2  
Gubernatorial Reports.

I filed an Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures (ALCE) on January 17,  
2018, and assumed that this would cover my reporting requirements for the 2018  
election cycle.

I am not a candidate for elected office this year, have not solicited or collected any  
campaign contributions, and have no funds in my campaign account.

I received a green "Pre-Report Notice" notifying me of the Pre-Primary1 Report due on  
May 22, 2018 and contacted your office on May 23 at 4:13 p.m. to confirm that it wasn't  
necessary for me to respond, and was told that "If you filed an ALCE you don't need to  
respond to this notice. It is just a reminder of when reports are due."

I realize now that your staff may have meant that I needed to file a new ALCE covering  
each new reporting period, which I have now done.

Considering these circumstances and the inactive status of my campaign committee, I  
would appreciate your consideration in granting of waiver of the late fees that have  
accumulated as a result of my late filing of these two Pre-Primary reports.

In the 16 years since my campaign committee was established, prior to the 2002  
election, I have sought to diligently comply with all of Maryland's campaign finance  
regulations.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincere regards,  


## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Kasecamp, Terry Lynn Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012599	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/23/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Chris Kasecamp	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/27/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Terry Kasecamp	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/21/18	\$120	\$120
			\$	\$
			Total	\$120

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I didn't have any actively, raise funds, or have any expenditures during the primary due to health issues.
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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Citizens for Terry Lynn Kasecamp  
279 E. Main Street  
Frostburg, MD 21532  
(301) 697-2050

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State Board of Elections  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Victoria Molina  
151 West Street Suite 200  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Ms. Molina,

I am writing to ask that the \$120 late fee penalty that was assessed for my campaign be waived. We mistakenly thought we did not have to file until June 21, 2018.

Please note that I did not actively campaign, raise funds or have any expenditures during the primaries due to health issues associated with being diagnosed with cancer. Quite frankly I am surprised that I made it through the primaries without actively campaigning or fundraising. I am hoping that you will take all of this into consideration and waive the late fee penalty.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 697-2050.

Sincerely,



Dr. Terry Lynn Kasecamp  
Candidate for the Allegany County Board of Education

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	KIDL PAC	
CCF ID:	03012915	Status: Active
Date Established	3/23/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/09/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Stanley Ruddle	Start Date: 3/23/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sheri Bond	3/23/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/23/18	\$20	\$20
			\$	\$
			Total	\$20

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$0	\$0	\$437	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I attempted to file timely but the system issue an error code which prevented me from filing.
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### Division Comments

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### Administrator's Decision

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KIDL PAC

CCF ID 03012915

Stan Ruddle,

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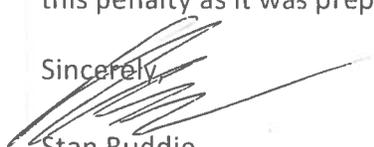
**RE: Late Filing Penalty**

**Dear Jared Demarinis**

I am writing in reference to a Late Fee assessed against the above named Campaign Finance organization. On the due date, May22nd, 2018 I personally attempted to file the schedules and report but the Board of Elections, Campaign Finance reporting system issued an error code which prevented the report to be uploaded to this site. The error code said to try again at a later time.

The next day the report seemed to upload properly. I request the State Board of Elections abate this penalty as it was prepared and attempted to be sent in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



Stan Ruddle,  
Treasurer

KIDL PAC

State Board of Elections  
Jared DeMarinis, Director  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Lynch, Mark S. Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012500	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/13/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/09/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Susan Delph	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/13/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Mark Lynch	2/13/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/02/18	\$230	\$230
			\$	\$
			Total	\$230

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$90	\$3	\$175	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

We file the August report instead of June.
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### Division Comments

Grant, reason was verified.
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### Administrator's Decision

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# Mark S. Lynch

for Register of Wills of Calvert County, MD



July 2, 2018

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P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0486

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Re: 2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial Report

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to request that the late fees associated with the filing of the 2018 Pre-Primary Gubernatorial Report be waived. On June 18, 2018, Susan Delph, Treasurer, filed the following transactions through the Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System:

1. Expenditure from PayPal in the amount of \$3.51
2. Contribution from Walter Weinschenk in the amount of \$90.00

Both above transactions were entered with the date of June 11, 2018 not June 10, 2018. When the report was filed, your computer system automatically applied the transactions to the report due on August 28, 2018, not the current report due. Therefore, it appeared as if we never filed the 2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial Report, which we thought we had until we received your letter dated June 22, 2018 alerting us that no report had been filed.

We spoke to your representative, Vicky Molina, who deleted the August 28<sup>th</sup> report in your system to allow for the refiling of the above transactions with the proper date, so transactions could be refiled and show under the 2018 Pre-Primary Gubernatorial Report.

Attached please find the original listing of transaction showing the error of the transaction date, the Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System – Campaign Statement showing that the report was filed on June 18, 2018, and the newly filed Campaign Finance Report Summary Sheet that was refiled this date.

Friends of Mark S Lynch ~ Mark S. Lynch [mslynch@marklynch4register.com](mailto:mslynch@marklynch4register.com)  
Susan Delph, Treasurer ~ [sdelph@marklynch4register.com](mailto:sdelph@marklynch4register.com)  
1997 Annapolis Exchange Parkway, Suite 300  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Manufactured Housing Institute Of Maryland-PAC	
CCF ID:	03007995	Status: Active
Date Established	8/29/02	
Date Waiver Requested	7/02/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Lee Sullivan	Start Date: 8/29/02
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Charles Reithmyer	11/01/12
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/24/18	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
			Total	\$40

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

11/22/16/ late fee \$10 8/30/16 late fee \$60
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

We attempted to file before the deadline but couldn't get into the system because of a password issue.
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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Annapolis, Md. 21401-0486

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RE: Late Fee

I have received a bill for a late fee of \$40.00 on report date 05/22/2018 it was filed on 05/24/2018

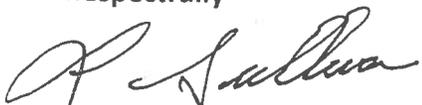
However we did attempt to file before the dead line but could not get in to your system for whatever reason, I even called the number that come up on the screen left a detailed message about the problem but no one called back to tell me anything

It was on the 24<sup>th</sup> when I got through to get someone to unlock your system to let me in to file my report, I believe that there is a record of that conversation in your records.

Bottom line I am requesting a waiver on the late Fee of \$40.00

This late fee makes Mr. Reithmeyer the Chairperson believe that I am not qualified to do my task as Treasurer

Respectfully

 6/29/18  
Lee Sullivan

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Marsh, Kathryn At Lee Committee for	
CCF ID:	01011583	Status: Active
Date Established	2/02/17	
Date Waiver Requested	7/23/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Frances Longwell	Start Date: 2/02/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kathy Marsh	2/02/17
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/16/18	\$20	\$20
			\$	\$
			Total	\$20

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

We would like to dispute the late fee for our filing of the report we were in the system on 6/15/18 and submitted the report before the 11:59 deadline.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

Fran R. Longwell  
12611 Safety Turn, Bowie, Maryland 20715  
[franlongwell@gmail.com](mailto:franlongwell@gmail.com)

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Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0486

RE: Marsh, Kathryn At Lee Committee For late notice

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

Our committee received the attached late notice for filing of our 2018 Pre-primary 2 Gubernatorial report. I submitted the report prior to 12:00 AM on June 16, 2018 and I received an email from [info.sbe@maryland.gov](mailto:info.sbe@maryland.gov) on June 16, 2018 at 12:01 AM that my report had been received. I was in the system on June 15, 2018 and had submitted the report before the 11:59 PM deadline. We would like to dispute the late fee for our filing of the report. I have also enclosed a copy of the email that I received.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Fran R. Longwell

Treasurer

Cc: Kathryn AtLee Marsh

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	McGee, Jim Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	15011819	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	7/27/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/09/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	David Wallace	<b>Start Date:</b> 7/27/17
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	James McGee	7/27/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/06/18	\$270	\$270
5/22/18		5/31/18	\$150	\$150
			Total	\$420

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$0	\$3400	\$39,764	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I submitted an ALCE by mail, but was later told this was not acceptable, I had to do a report for Matching Fund committees.
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### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$210
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### Administrator's Decision

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**Friends of Jim McGee**  
David J. Wallace, Treasurer  
9133 McDonald Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

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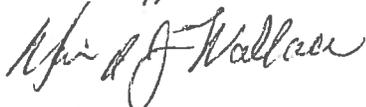
Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

I write in response to your notice of June 21, 2018 regarding the fee for the late submission of the Pre-Primary Report 1 by the Friends of Jim McGee. Although I disagree with this decision, I do not wish to quibble about this matter and have already mailed a check for \$150.00 to the Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance.

When I realized back in early May of this year that the May 15 Matching Fund Report would cover contributions and expenditures for all but the last day of the period covered by the Pre-Primary Report 1, I was told we could submit an Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures instead of the pre-primary report. I tried to do this through MDCRIS but received error messages. I then called SBE and was told to submit the affidavit by mail. To meet the deadline, we emailed the affidavit to you and Victoria Molina on May 22. I was then informed that this was not acceptable and that we were required to submit a Pre-Primary 1 Report. But we had nothing to report since all the contributions received and expenditures incurred between January 11 and May 15, 2018 were already reported in the May 15 Matching Fund Report.

The Pre-Primary Report 2 is another matter. We thought we had successfully submitted a June 5 Matching Fund Report on time. That turns out not to be the case, but I believe that error has been corrected and the expenditures that were incurred between June 6 and June 10 have been reported in the recently submitted Pre-Primary Report 2. If this is not the case, I would appreciate your informing me.

Sincerely,



Enclosure

cc: Victoria Molina

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Melcavage, (Peter) for Council	
CCF ID:	01012833	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/18/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Kara Melcavage	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Peter Melcavage	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/15/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Given as I was not seeking office, I did not campaign and didn't attempt to raise any money I am requesting a waiver.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

July 16, 2018

Linda Lamond  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West St.  
Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Re: Request for Waiver of Fine for Late Financial Filing Report

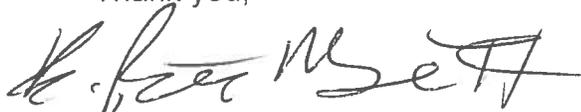
Dear Ms. Lamond:

I have become aware that a fine exists against my campaign for allegedly filing my financial report late. I filed my candidacy for the 1<sup>st</sup> District of the Baltimore County Council on February 26, 2018 which was the day before the filing deadline. On March 8, 2018 I filed a Certificate of Withdrawal from the election as I discovered on March 7, 2018 that I was prohibited from running for office. Apparently the deadline to withdraw from the primary election was March 2, 2018.

Given that I was not seeking office, I did not campaign and did not attempt to raise any money. Despite not being in the race, my wife, Kara Melcavage (My treasurer), faithfully filed the campaign finance reports whenever she received emails that they needed to be filed. I am uncertain if she missed a filing deadline as she handled all of my filings. If a filing report was not timely filed, it was certainly unintentional and the only excuse I could possibly offer is that she was looking frantically for a job as her prior position was eliminated on March 31, 2018.

Since I never campaigned and did not raise any money, I am unable to pay the fine from campaign funds as no funds have ever existed and I did not establish an account. We sincerely request that you waive the fine. If you cannot waive the fine on an administrative level, please consider this letter a formal request for an administrative hearing or for an opportunity to appear and speak before the Election Board for a waiver of the fine.

Thank you,



E. Peter Melcavage II

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Mirabile, Russ NO TAX Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012789	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/26/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Jennifer Fanton	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/27/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Russ Mirabile	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/26/18	\$470	\$470
			\$	\$
			Total	\$470

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Candidate was diagnosed and hospitalized with cancer in May.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

# State of Maryland

## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

**Instructions:** Please print clearly or type. If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. Please limit your request to this document only. \*Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.

Campaign Account Name: Friends of NO Tax Account Number: 01012705  
Mirabile

Date of Request: July 23-2018 Total Amount of late fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Russ "No Joy" Mirabile

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The basis for the request: Candidate was diagnosed with Cancer Stage 4 in  
May 2018. Operation June 4-2018 to remove tumor. St. Mary's  
Hospital Langhorne Pa.

June 8-2018 Candidate was readmitted to St. Joseph Hospital  
Jowson, Md. due to complications from original operation.

Candidate was house confined until, with nurse visits &  
examinations. Mirabile was fitted with, & carried

two attached body bags one for fluid infections & the other  
for fluids & urine.

On June 25 2018 Mirabile broke doctor's orders, paid individual  
to drive Mirabile to Annapolis to file & update. —

(Signature)

(Date)

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Date Rcvd: _____	Date Heard: _____
Verification: _____	
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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Montgomery Women - Leadership & Political Action Committee	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	03007693	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	11/06/01	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/05/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Leslie Weber	<b>Start Date:</b> 8/21/13
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Rose Krasnow	8/16/16
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

10/24/14 late fee \$120  
 5/27/14 late fee \$250  
 11/23/10 late fee \$250

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

In preparation for my father's funeral I overlooked this report.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision



## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Newcomb Jr., James A. for Caroline BOE	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012385	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/15/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/27/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Karen Newcomb	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/15/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	James Newcomb	2/15/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/24/18	\$150	\$150
5/22/18		5/28/18	\$120	\$120
			Total	\$270

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

See above

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

There was a typo in my email on file, I was not able to get into the system. For the next report I was late by 9 days because I was busy with life.

### Division Comments

Grant for 5/22/18 report.

### Administrator's Decision

July 27, 2018

State Board of Elections

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting this letter requesting leniency and if possible a waiver from the fees charged against my campaign account. As a Board of Education candidate in a rural county, I do not routinely run for office, raise funds or utilize the Maryland Campaign Finance website very often. Actually, only twice over the last 8 years and this time you had to report the Affidavit saying you were not raising money multiple times instead of once as done previously.

However, I was actively trying to turn in my report in May, but there was a typo in my email on file and the system would not let me log in on Tuesday May 22. On Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> I called in and was attempting to get the situation corrected, but it took me a couple of days to get in touch with someone to correct the problem and I was able to submit my report on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

As many families are, my family is very busy in the spring with Little League, travel soccer and softball among other things and I did miss the next filing date as well by 9 days. There was no reason for this other than life but am again asking for leniency due to the fact that I am not a career politician and am trying to campaign for a Board of Education position without raising any funds.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James A. Newcomb Jr.

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Nickerson, Colin (Daniel) Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011529	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	11/21/16	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/10/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Scott Nickerson	<b>Start Date:</b> 11/21/16
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Joan Nickerson	11/21/16
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/26/18	\$170	\$170
5/22/18		6/26/18	\$410	\$410
			Total	\$580

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affadvit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I thought I had closed my committee
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### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$290
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### Administrator's Decision

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# Late Fee Waiver Request Form

Maryland State Board of Elections – Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
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Campaign Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickerson, Colin (Daniel) Citizens For \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: 01011529 Date of Request: June 25, 2018

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Daniel Colin Nickerson

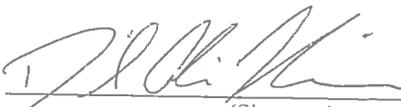
The Requestor is the:     Chairman                       Treasurer                       Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 2018 Pre-Primary2  
Gubernatorial

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 560

The basis for the request: \_\_\_\_\_ My intent was originally to establish a committee and seek office on the state level. Upon reconsideration, I chose ultimately to forego running for a state position and closed the campaign finance committee "Nickerson, Colin (Daniel) Citizens for." [Enclosed is the affidavit signed and submitted January 9, 2018 and the E-mail from the SBE as received and filed on January 29, 2018] Thereafter, on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, I filed with the local board of elections to run for the Anne Arundel County Republican Central Committee. Unfortunately at that time I was not presented with an affidavit of limited contribution. To date, I have raised no money and I have spent no money in seeking my local position and thought my committee was closed. I apologize for any oversight on my part and respectfully ask for any late fees to be waived.

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(Signature)

6/29/2018  
(Date)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	OMarr, Jamie Carroll for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012644	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/30/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Susan Blevins	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/27/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Jamie Omarr	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/29/18	\$130	\$130
4/17/18		4/17/18	\$80	\$80
			Total	\$210

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

In my ignorance I thought no report was necessary until funds where raised.
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### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$105
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### Administrator's Decision

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Carroll for Jamie OMarr  
Susan K Blevins, Campaign Treasurer  
72 S Ralph St  
Westminster MD 21157

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

To:  
State Board of Elections  
PO Box 6486  
Annapolis MD 21401-0486

RE: Late Filing penalty  
CCF ID: 01012644

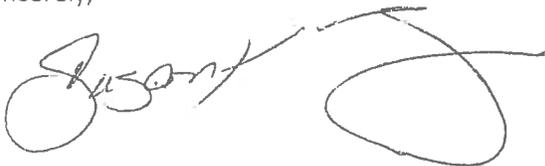
My apologies to the State Board of Elections for a lack of comprehension, despite your very clear instructions on how the filing system works. Jamie OMarr had put \$50 of her personal funds into the bank, for the sake of opening an official account. No money has gone in or out since the account was opened, and in my ignorance I believed no reporting was necessary. Once I did file the initial report, again I did not read ahead to get the whole story and thought we were done with filing until there was financial movement in the campaign.

I have limited resources and sadly my personal computer is being balky and in need of replacement, so my access to email is primarily on my phone which is not always the most efficient way to catch all my mail. In addition, Jamie has run into some health issues that required her attention through the past couple of months. Neither of us have ever been a part of a campaign before, and, while she is well versed in the workings of government, the background part of campaign finance is new to her. I jumped in to help out, having no idea what the job would entail and I have taken entirely too long to learn how the reporting part works.

Neither of us are in a position to pay the late fees associated with this penalty. I am hoping the Board will have some sympathy on our fledgling bid for office and waive or reduce the penalties. I would hate to see any fundraising efforts be squandered on a fee that is completely due to my lack of foresight and understanding of this system, and I just don't have the funds at this time to cover it.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan K Blevins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Susan K Blevins

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Perry, Darryl Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012120	Status: Active
Date Established	12/27/17	
Date Waiver Requested	8/06/18	
Account Type	Candidate Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Stacy Young	Start Date: 12/27/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Darryl Perry	12/27/17
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/08/18	\$230	\$230
			\$	\$
			Total	\$230

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The treasurer was hospitalized.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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## Fwd: Campaign Finance Report- Darryl Perry

1 message

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info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Mon, Aug 6, 2018 at 2:24 PM

To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Darryl Perry** <drperry96@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Aug 6, 2018 at 1:40 PM

Subject: Campaign Finance Report- Darryl Perry

To: "info.sbe@maryland.gov" <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Good Afternoon,

I am contacting your department in reference to a late penalty fee that was assessed to my campaign for the election that just passed. At the time of the failure to submit a timely report, my treasurer was hospitalized, and given this unforeseen circumstance is how the original deadline was missed. This was my first experience with campaigning for public office, although we do accept responsibility for our failure to submit on time, however we do ask that a waiver be granted if possible, or a reduction in the penalty fee. It is with genuine intentions that we hope your department understands this matter.

Best regards,

Darryl Perry

DRPerry96@gmail.com

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Patterson, Scott for State's Attorney	
CCF ID:	01012521	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/04/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Vernon Nily	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Scott Patterson	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/31/18	\$150	\$150
			\$	\$
			Total	\$150

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I request that the board waive the late filing fees for the error I made in not understanding, even though uncontested and with no monies raised reports must still be filed.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision



Office of the State's Attorney  
for Talbot County, Maryland  
20 N. West Street, Easton, Maryland 21601

May 31, 2018

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State Board of Elections  
PO Box 6486  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0485

Re: Scott Patterson for State's Attorney  
Late Filing Fee Waiver Request

Today I received correspondence from the board indicating that my May filing report was late and subject to a daily fee for late filing. I called the board and received assistance from a very nice lady named Erin who assisted me in filing the May 22<sup>nd</sup> report.

I had timely filed the April report and, mistakenly as explained by Erin, I thought that I was done, because I am running unopposed, have collected \$0.00 in contributions, and made \$0.00 in expenditures for my campaign. Erin explained that nonetheless I must still file reports periodically during the year. So today, I filed both the May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> reports, noting no contributions and no expenditures.

This letter is a request that the board waive the late filing fees for the error I made in not understanding, even though uncontested and with no campaign monies collected or spent, that the reports still must be made.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott G. Patterson  
State's Attorney

cc: Vernon J. Nily, Jr., Treasurer

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Scott, Makeda 4 Board of Education	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012265	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	1/30/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	8/03/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Shalewa Wilson	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/30/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Makeda Scott	1/30/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/11/18	\$320	\$320
4/17/18		4/18/18	\$10	\$10
			Total	\$330

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I have not raised funds and do not have the money to pay the fee.
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### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$165
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### Administrator's Decision

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August 2, 2018

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Dear Compliance Supervisor Patricia Ramallosa,

I would like to know if I could have the late filing fees waived for my campaign due to missing the filing deadline. I missed two and have a fee of \$350.00 for one date and \$10.00 for another.

I have not raised campaign contributions and do not have the money to pay the fees. The late fees would cause a hardship to my campaign. I am running for a position that is not paid and am mostly running a grassroots outreach campaign.

I appreciate you taking my matter into consideration.

Thank you greatly,

Makeda Scott

  
Candidate 4th District Board of Education

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Szeliga, Kathy Friends Of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01005251	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	5/21/09	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/06/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Collen Dunlap	<b>Start Date:</b> 5/21/09
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Ellen Sauerbrey	10/05/11
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/23/18	\$20	\$20
			\$	\$
			Total	\$20

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$20,703	\$22,819	\$126,589	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Our report was filed 21 minute after the filing deadline, because of a storm the treasurer had a problem with the internet.
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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## Fwd: Appealing late fee

1 message

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Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fri, Jul 6, 2018 at 12:42 PM

Waiver request. Thanks.

Jared DeMarinis  
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486  
Phone: 410-269-2853

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kathy Szeliga** <kathy.szeliga@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Jul 6, 2018 at 12:36 PM  
Subject: Appealing late fee  
To: Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>  
Cc: Colleen Dunlap <colleendunlap02@gmail.com>

Jared - Our last report was filed at 12:21 AM, just 21 minutes after the filing deadline. You may recall there was a terrible lightening storm that night and my treasurer, Colleen, was having internet connection problems due to the storm.

I would respectfully request a waiver from the late fee.

I don't know to whom I should appeal the late fee. Can you either forward this appeal or tell me who to send this request to?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Kathy

Delegate Kathy Szeliga  
Maryland House of Delegates District 7

*Kathy*

Delegate Kathy Szeliga  
www.electkathy.com  
FB @kathy.szeliga  
Twitter @KathyforMD

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Tinus, Edward J. Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011084	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	10/28/14	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/02/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Curtis Andrews	<b>Start Date: 10/28/14</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Edward Tinus	10/28/14
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/02/18	\$230	\$230
			\$	\$
			Total	\$230

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/020/16 late fee \$10

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Computer illiterate

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

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## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: FRIENDS OF ED TINUS Account Number: 01011084

Date of Request: 7-2-18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 230<sup>00</sup>

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: ED TINUS

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 6-15-18

The basis for the request: Computer illiteracy.

1. 6-12-18 STARTED THE ATTEMPT TO FILE

2. 6-14-18 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FILED

3. LATE FEE NOTICE RECEIVED

4. 6-29-18 BANK ACCOUNT NEEDED. UPLOADED

5. 7-2-18 AT S.B.E. BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE

UPLOADED.

\* FILE RECORDED

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E. Tinus  
(Signature)

7-2-18  
(Date)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Wells, (Robert) for BOE	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012642	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	8/09/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Bonnie Wells	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/27/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Robert Wells	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/30/18	\$140	\$140
4/17/18		5/30/18	\$430	\$430
			Total	\$570

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I tried to submit the reports and had some trouble completing them, I've also had some trouble with my wife health since I filed to run. I am request a waiver.
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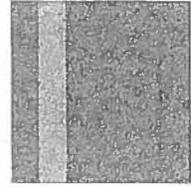
### Division Comments

Grant, with reduction to \$285
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### Administrator's Decision

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Robert T. Wells  
11966 Jeffery Lane  
Princess Anne, Maryland 21853  
robert\_w12@comcast.net  
443-944-1117



August 5, 2018

Ms. Linda Lamone  
State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-048

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Dear Ms. Linda Lamone,

I have received the letter indicating that I was late in filing two campaign finance reports for this election cycle. I have had some issues with my wife's health since I filed to run for office. I also tried to submit the reports and had some trouble completing them. When I was able to get to re-submitting the reports, it was passed the deadline. It was not my intention to try to avoid filing the reports as I was always on time in previous elections. It was an error on my part and I am deeply sorry for this issue. I do not have an account for this election cycle as I am running unopposed. I am asking that the fines be waived or forgiven. Again, I am deeply sorry for the inconvenience that occurred. I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. ACCOUNT: WELLS, (ROBERT) FOR BOE CCF ID: 01012642

Sincerely,

Robert T. Wells



## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Witherspoon Antwine, Candace Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012808	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/22/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	6/27/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Raven Anan	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/22/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Candace Antwine	2/22/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		6/01/18	\$450	\$450
5/22/18		6/01/18	\$160	\$160
			Total	\$610

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am requesting a waiver of the fee because of these discrepancies with our account Committee name being changed, incorrect mailing address, incorrect email, no report notification
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### Division Comments

Grant for 5/22/18 deny for 4/17/18, staff assisted but committee didn't file.
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### Administrator's Decision

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Account

June 27, 2018

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

P.O. Box 981  
Fort Meade, MD 20755

Maryland State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Request for Late Fee Waiver and Campaign Reconciliation

Dear Honorable Maryland Board of Elections:

I am respectfully requesting reconsideration for late fees that were applied against the Friends of Candace Antwine Campaign Committee. From February 22- June 1, 2018, we were unable to access or utilize the SBE electronic campaign finance reporting system. Upon investigation and inquiry we found that this was due to administrative and technical discrepancies at the Board of Elections office.

These discrepancies included but were not limited to the following:

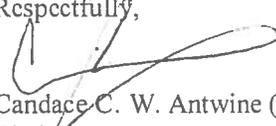
1. Campaign name being changed
2. Incorrect campaign mailing address
3. Incorrect campaign email address
4. Misspelling of candidate name
5. No report notifications received, until June

After months of trying to resolve the issues at the lowest level, we were told by several of your office administrators that only the Board could resolve these concerns and clear our account. However, on June 1, a young lady in your office took nearly an hour reviewing and correcting the electronic account. Although we were blessed to win the primaries, these problems introduced undue burden and stress on our campaign efforts. In the public's eye, we were flagged for a failure to report. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting the following:

1. All late fees be waived
2. Our campaign name be changed back to "Friends of Candace Antwine"
3. Our campaign mailing address be changed back to P.O. Box 981, Fort Meade, MD 20755

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Respectfully,

  
Candace C. W. Antwine (MD voter ID #750444832)  
Chairman  
Friends of Candace Antwine

Cc: Ms. Raven Anan, Treasurer, Friends of Candace Antwine

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Wentworth, Nicholas Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012861	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	03/02/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	5/29/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Justin Hull	<b>Start Date:</b> 3/02/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Warren Stagnaro	3/02/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/29/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

There was some confusion regard request for closure.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

# State of Maryland



## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Wentworth, Nicholas Citizens Account Number: 01012861

Date of Request: 5/29/2018 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 130

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Justin Hull

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2018 Spring Report due 4/17/2018

~~Campaign has no~~ funds, chairman has resigned.

~~There was some confusion regarding the request for closure~~

~~as the candidate wants to continue running but has no intention of~~

~~raising any funds. Uncertain at this point if it's even a valid entity as~~

~~chairperson position remains vacant.~~

~~Thank you for your time.~~

Justin Hull (Signature) Justin Hull (Date)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Ali, Saqib Friends of	
CCF ID:	0100291	Status: Active
Date Established	7/19/05	
Date Waiver Requested	7/13/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Susan Ali	Start Date: 11/09/10
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Syed Ali	7/19/05
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/23/18	\$140	\$140
			\$	\$
			Total	\$140

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/17 late fee \$80 paid
6/13/14 late fee \$130 paid
1/16/13 late fee \$90 paid
7/15/11 late fee \$250 paid

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I was late filing my report and incurred a late fee, I am request a waiver and apologize for this.
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### Division Comments

Deny
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### Administrator's Decision

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Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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## Fwd: Request for waiver of \$140 late fee for "Friends of Saqib Ali"

2 messages

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info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 3:48 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Saqib Ali** <saqib.ali.75@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 3:46 PM  
Subject: Request for waiver of \$140 late fee for "Friends of Saqib Ali"  
To: info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Dear Members of the State Board of Elections.

My campaign finance entity "Friends of Saqib Ali" incurred a \$140 late fee recently because I was late in filing my ALCE. I apologize for this.

I request that this \$140 fine be waived. As soon as this fine is resolved, I plan on closing the campaign finance entity because there has been no activity for many years.

- Syed Saqib Ali  
Cell: 240-812-9671  
Address: 12504 Degas Court, North Potomac, MD 20878

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info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 3:55 PM

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Bishop, John, Committee to Elect	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01010539	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/25/14	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/27/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Sally Bishop	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/25/14
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	John Bishop	2/25/14
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/18/18	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
			Total	\$60

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee \$10 waived  
1/18/17 late fee \$80 paid

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

We assume that by filing an affidavit of non-participation for the previous report that it covered the election year.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

**John J. Bishop & Sally K. Bishop**  
7917 McNeal Farm Circle  
Baltimore, Maryland 21237-3060  
Home: 410-661-5401 Cell: 443-799-9971  
Email: johnbishop23@yahoo.com

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**July 21, 2018**

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**Annapolis, MD 21401-0486**

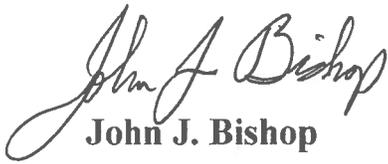
**Bishop, John, Committee to Elect**  
**CCF ID: 0101539**  
**Report Date: 06/15/2018**  
**Report Received: 06/18/2018**  
**Amount Owed: \$60.00**

**Dear Mr. Jared DeMarinis,**

**We apologize for filing the above report after the filing deadline. We assumed that by filing an affidavit of non participation for the previous report that it covered the entire election year. We were not aware that the law had changed and will file future reports on time.**

**Please waive the late fee penalty. Thank you.**

**Sincerely,**

  
**John J. Bishop**  
**Candidate and Chairman**

  
**Sally K. Bishop**  
**Treasurer**

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Bowser, Alan Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01010432	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/21/14	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/03/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Jeff Jackson	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/21/14
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Charlotte Coffield	2/21/14
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/26/18	\$170	\$170
			\$	\$
			Total	\$170

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

5/22/18 late fee \$60  
 1/18/17 late fee \$50  
 11/18/14 late fee \$20

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$0	\$1246	\$-1931	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Due to the fact that the reports were submitted in a timely manner but not processed correctly, I am requesting a waiver.

### Division Comments

Deny, the committee only uploaded on excel spreadsheet, but failed to submit the report.

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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## Fwd: Submission of Reports and Request for Waiver of Fine(s)

1 message

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info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 1:03 PM

They uploaded the spreadsheet but did not go to Edit/File Pending to file the report.

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From: **Jeffrey Jackson** <jeffjac50@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 12:51 PM  
Subject: Submission of Reports and Request for Waiver of Fine(s)  
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Friends of Alan Bowser Campaign

The purpose of this email is to inform you of a problem with the reporting system which prevented the timely receipt of the Contributions Report(s) for the referenced campaign.

To date, the CRIS does not reflect receipt of the reports, even though they were submitted in a timely manner before the deadlines. I attach the reports for your review and referral to the vendor.

The May 22 Contributions Report (Job Id# 14036) was submitted on 5/22/18 and noted: "Processed - No Errors."

The June 10 Contributions Report (Job Id # 15117) was submitted on 6/10/18 and also noted: "Processed - No Errors."

Because the Contributions Reports were not properly handled in the CRIS system, the derived bank balance is incorrect.

Due to the fact that these reports were submitted in a timely manner but not processed correctly, I respectfully request a waiver of the fines that have been imposed on the Campaign Treasurer.

Thank you for correcting the entries in the system and considering our request.

Regards,

Jeffrey Jackson  
Treasurer  
Friends of Alan Bowser

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### 2 attachments

 **10 June Contributions Report.xlsx**  
21K

 **15 May Contributions Report.xlsx**  
25K

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Bury, Betsy Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01010868	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/14/14	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	6/28/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	John Hutson	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/14/14
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Liz Bury	2/14/14
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/22/18	\$370	\$370
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			Total	\$500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee \$20
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I was under the impression that central committee only had to file in January.
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### Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of non-compliance.
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### Administrator's Decision

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

June 22, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West St, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Greetings,

I spoke with Jessica in your office today and she advised me to write to you on this matter.

I ran for Central Committee in 2014 and had a campaign committee and account. I had contributions and expenditures in 2014, but in 2015, 2016 and 2017 I had no expenditures so on the campaign filing system, I just filed an affidavit every January in keeping with the law at the time.

I received an email from your office today saying that I had missed filing for the 6/15/2018 report. I was under the impression that Central Committee candidates only had to file in January every year, particularly if only filing affidavits. So I called your office and Jessica told me that the law had changed and that I now have missed two filing deadlines, 5/22/2018 and 6/15/2018 and that fines have been accruing.

I have now filed these two reports but I would like to respectfully ask that you waive the fines since I was unaware that the law had changed. I have attempted in good faith to keep all of my campaign filing commitments and conduct my campaign committee business within all laws and regulations. I am terribly sorry that I was unaware that the law had changed.

With my 6/15/2018 campaign report, I closed out my account and currently have \$0 remaining in campaign finance funds to pay the fines.

I would appreciate any consideration in this matter and request that you waive the fines in this case.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Betsy Bury  
Candidate – Friends of Betsy Bury  
Jonathan Hutson Treasurer

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Conaway, Frank M. Jr. "Baby Bear", Committee For	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01003439	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	5/01/06	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/03/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Terri Mitchell	<b>Start Date: 8/10/18</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Frank Conaway	5/01/06
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/03/18	\$240	\$240
			\$	\$
			Total	\$240

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 late fee \$10  
7/23/10 late fee \$250

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The treasurer got the date confused.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

# State of Maryland



## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

**Instructions:** Please print clearly or type. If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. Please limit your request to this document only. \*Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.

Campaign Account Name: Frank Conaway JR Account Number: 01003439

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount of late fees: \$ 240.<sup>00</sup>

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The basis for the request: is because the  
treasurer got the report  
date confused.

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Frank Conaway Jr.  
(Signature)

7/3/18  
(Date)

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Date Rcvd: _____	Date Heard: _____
Verification: _____	
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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Cooper, Tyrone for the People	
CCF ID:	01012173	Status: Active
Date Established	1/12/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/27/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Gertrude Cooper	Start Date: 1/12/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tyrone Cooper	1/12/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I rarely visit the website and I'm always delay checking my mail.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

TO: Linda Lamond

June 23, 2018

From: Mr. Tyrone D. Cooper

RE: Campaign Finance Report – (Past Due)

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Hello Mrs. Lamond

I am writing to request the late fees be waived for the Campaign Finance Report period – (06/15/2018). I am a first-time candidate, and was unaware of the filing date/deadline. (*I rarely visit the website [www.campaignfinance.maryland.gov], and always delay in checking my mail*). I want to personally apology for any inconvenience this may have caused. I now understand all the ways a notice is presented to candidates. However, I will make every effort not be late again. I would like to “Thank you,” in advance for understanding, and granting my request. Please feel free to contact me at the email, cell phone, or address listed below. Again, “Thank you!”

Chaplain Tyrone D. Cooper – (BCC, M.Div., LBSW, FF/EMT-B)  
tc04236@yahoo.com  
(410) 845-8305

Sincerely,



## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Geary, Dan Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012764	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/26/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Deb Wynkoop	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Dan Geary	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		7/26/18	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

5/22/18 late fee \$500  
6/15/18 late fee \$500

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
4/17/18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I resign as an officer on 3/05 18 I had no access to file the report.

### Division Comments

Deny, history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

July 24, 2018

State Board of Elections  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
151 West Street, Suite 200/P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

RE: Friends of Dan Geary Campaign  
CCF ID: 01012764  
Financial Waiver for Deborah Eva Wynkoop-Boden

To whom it may concern:

I, Deborah Eva Wynkoop-Boden would formally like to request a waiver on any delinquent fees on the Friends of Dan Geary Campaign. Specifically, on reports 4/17/18 and 5/22/18. I have attached the reports.

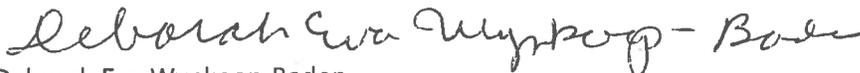
I resigned from this campaign on 3/1/18. I received a letter from the state confirming that they had received my resignation form on 3/5/18. I thought my part of the campaign was finished. I had no idea when Daniel Geary applied for candidacy. I came to find out that it was on 2/22/18.

To my knowledge no bank account was established and no moneys were collected for the 6 days I was treasurer and I resigned. From a newspaper article, I have found out that he resigned his candidacy, and I do not know the date of his resignation.

Daniel Geary assured me that he would fill out all the paperwork and that I did not need to do anything else. I never received any notice to fill out reports or that reports were delinquent through the mail or email until July 23<sup>rd</sup> by a letter dated July 18<sup>th</sup> which was a "Notice to show cause – delinquent report and fee". I called the state board of elections and came to find out that he did not fill out any paperwork and he owes delinquent fees.

If I would have known that I was responsible for these reports, I would have completed them to the best of my knowledge. Please let me know if I need to do anything else as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your consideration and help in this matter.

  
Deborah Eva Wynkoop-Boden  
25702 Whiskey Creek Road  
Hollywood, MD 20636  
240-925-0332

Attachments:  
Campaign Finance Report Summary Sheet for 4/17/18  
Campaign Finance Report Summary Sheet for 5/22/18  
Acknowledgement of Receipt of Resignation  
Officer Resignation Form

Deborah is  
only responsible  
for the 4/17/18 report.  
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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Gifford, Norman Friends to Elect	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011664	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	4/13/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	6/11/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	N/A	<b>Start Date:</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>	Pam Gilbert	5/10/17
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Terri Gifford	5/10/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/17/18		N/ A	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

5/22/18 late fee \$500  
6/15/18 late fee \$500

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I resign on 11/ 27/ 17-I had no access to this committee to do a report.

### Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

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JUN 18 2018

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Mrs. Pamela Gilbert  
1946 Haselmere Road  
Dundalk, MD 21222  
443-797-9593 (cell)  
[Pgilbert713@yahoo.com](mailto:Pgilbert713@yahoo.com)

June 15, 2018

VIA-FIRST CLASS MAIL &  
CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT  
TRACKING NO.: 7014 2870 0001 7665 9627

Ms. Linda H. Lamone  
Administrator  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Account: Gifford, Norman Friends to Elect  
CCF ID: 01011664

Dear Ms. Lamone:

I am writing in response to your letter dated May 7, 2018 which I received on June 9, 2018. (copy enclosed) I am also writing on my behalf to ask you not to impose a \$500 late penalty against me for the 2018 annual campaign finance report referenced above. Finally, I would like to make you aware of the financial issues associated with this campaign.

On November 27, 2017, I contacted your office and spoke to Erin. I told her I longer wanted to be Mr. Gifford's treasurer due to banking issues and that I returned all financials in my possession to him. She advised me to go on the MD CRIS system and remove my name as treasurer which would make my user name and password inactive. I did that the same day (November 27, 2017). Also on November 27<sup>th</sup>, I advised Mr. Gifford that my user name and password were inactive on the MD CRIS system so it was up to him or Terri Gifford to get the report done and find a new treasurer. He was very angry at me. For all intense purposes, I thought I was off the campaign that day.

Let me explain my reasoning for removing myself as treasurer. On numerous occasions, I told Mr. Gifford that the Suntrust campaign account was accruing monthly overdraft fees. He never made an effort to correct the problem. After several months, Suntrust closed the account and was in the process of referring it to collections to recover the outstanding overdraft fees of \$203.65. (See attached copy of the Suntrust statement for the period of 11/01/2017-11/30/2017. Again, I informed Mr. Gifford of the urgency in getting those overdraft fees paid. He replied, "I'm working on it." On December 26, 2017, I called Suntrust. The representative informed me that a notice was mailed to the address on the account (which is the P.O. Box address) informing me that the account was closed due to unpaid overdraft charges and was being referred to collections. I never received any notice from Suntrust. I can only assume Mr. Gifford received it and never shared it with me. The representative further informed me that I was personally responsible for the overdraft fees.

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Joseph, Denise District 9 Citizens For	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01009550	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	12/03/13	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/03/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Hyacinth Tucker	<b>Start Date: 12/19/13</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Denise Joseph	9/09/14
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/26/18	\$80	\$80
6/15/18		6/18/18	\$60	\$60
			Total	\$140

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/18 late fee \$20 waived 8/26/14 late fee \$210 paid
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$0	\$500	\$223	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I filed late because I was visiting my father.
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### Division Comments

Deny
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### Administrator's Decision

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Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

## Fwd: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - Campaign Statement

1 message

Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 8:22 AM

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Denise Joseph-Executive Director** <denisemjoseph@aol.com>  
Date: Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 7:29 PM  
Subject: Re: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - Campaign Statement  
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov

Good evening, I filed my 5/22 report late because I was visiting my father. Can I get the \$80 late fee waived and I apologize for my tardiness.

Yours Truly,

**Denise M. Joseph, M.A.**

Education Consultant

(301) 996 -7980

-----Original Message-----

From: info.sbe <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: denisemjoseph <denisemjoseph@aol.com>  
Sent: Mon, Jun 18, 2018 6:29 pm  
Subject: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - Campaign Statement

Dear DENISE JOSEPH,

Thank you for using the Maryland Campaign Finance Reporting and Management System.

This email serves as a confirmation to the committee "Joseph, Denise District 9 Citizens For" that we have received your campaign finance report for the 08/28/2018 Pre-General Report Gubernatorial on 6/18/2018.

If you have any questions regarding your account status, please contact us at 410-269-2880.

Sincerely,  
Maryland State Board of Elections

(This message was sent to you by an automated e-mail system. Please don't reply to it).

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Malikidogo-Fludd, Kenge for County Council District 5	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	15012574	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/26/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	6/26/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Audery Adams	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/26/218
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Kenge Makikidogo	2/26/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/25/18	\$160	\$160
			\$	\$
			Total	\$160

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

5/22/18 late fee \$20
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The system would not let access the drop down field expense purpose
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### Division Comments

Dény, this is not the business process of the system.
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### Administrator's Decision

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Mr. Jared Damaranis  
Director  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Damaranis,

My name is Audrey Adams, and I am the registered treasurer for Kenge Malikidogo-Fludd/Kenge for County Council, District 5 campaign.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, I attempted to file the campaign finance report as required. However, I ran into some difficulty with the website not allowing me to access the "expense purpose" field on the enter expenses page. I was able to enter all other fields, but the drop down for this field would not respond and the system wouldn't allow me to bypass it. Therefore, I was unable to file the report on time.

The report has since been filed, but we have incurred late fees and I would like to ask that the fees be waived. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,  
Audrey Adams

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Reeder, Percy Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012126	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	12/28/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/13/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Ron Lewis	<b>Start Date:</b> 12/28/17
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Percy Reeder	12/28/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/11/18	\$260	\$260
			\$	\$
			Total	\$260

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee \$500 not paid

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This is my first time running as sheriff I was unaware reports had to be filed.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

July 11, 2018

Board of Election  
Annapolis, Maryland

Subject: Waiver Request

To whom this may concern,

My name is Percy M. Reeder, Sr., a candidate for Sheriff in Prince Georges County Maryland. I am writing to request a waiver to avoid penalty for failure to file a Financial Statement.

This is my first time running for a Sheriff position in the State Government of Maryland. I am totally unaware and have no knowledge that I need to file a Financial Statement not until someone from your good office in Annapolis, Maryland called me stating that I need to write a letter explaining why I failed to file.

I have already submitted my Financial Statement but I still need to submit this letter to your good office to justify my late submission.

Thank you and I am hoping for your kind consideration.

Yours truly,



Percy M. Reeder, Sr.  
Candidate for Sheriff  
Prince Georges County

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Robinson, Barbara A. Friends Of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01003008	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	10/14/05	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/09/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Theresa Mitchell	<b>Start Date:</b> 7/31/09
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Barry Hampton	10/14/05
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 late fee \$30 paid 11/18/14 late fee \$ 30 paid 8/26/14 late fee \$160 paid
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$11991	\$58508	\$20781	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Due to the treasurer work schedule which required her to be in 4 states during the filing time.
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### Division Comments

Deny, chairman is able to file in treasurer absents.
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### Administrator's Decision

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Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

**Fw: Re Maryland Board Of Elections - "Pre Report Notice Campaign Finance Report Due"**

Barry Hampton <hamptonb13@verizon.net>  
Reply-To: Barry Hampton <hamptonb13@verizon.net>  
To: "ebony.parran@maryland.gov" <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Mon, Jul 9, 2018 at 11:24 AM

07/09/18  
Monday  
11:23a.m.

Ms. ebony:

OOPS - I had an m rather than n in the word Maryland.

F.Y.I.

Barry Hampton  
443-985-0828(cell)

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

On Monday, July 9, 2018 11:11 AM, Barry Hampton <hamptonb13@verizon.net> wrote:

07/09/18  
Monday  
10:40a.m.

*Barbara Robinson*

**To Whom It May Concern - (Attn: Ebony):**

Dr. Theresa Mitchell-Hampton - Treasurer and I received a post card regarding the Maryland State Board of Elections - "Pre Report Notice- Campaign Finance Report Due."

I spoke with Ebony this early a.m. (Mon. - 07/09) and she informed me that the completed report was received on Friday, June 22, 2018, and that the late fee was One Hundred and Thirty (\$130.00) Dollars as the deadline was originally set for Friday, June 15, 2018.

We hereby request a waiver due to Treasurer, Theresa Mitchell-Hampton's work schedule. Her work schedule required that she be in four States (Colorado; Hawaii; Montana; & Utah) between Monday, June 4th, through Friday, June 25, 2018. Additionally, she experienced access to her computer system and your system while in Hawaii and Montana. (June 11th, through June 22nd, 2018).

Further, I understand that a Review Board meets the third Thursday in August, that's Thursday, August 16th. In that connection we are asking that you review our case at your August 16, 2018, meeting and honor our waiver.

Additional information may be furnished upon request.

Keep In Touch

Moving Right Along

Theresa Mitchell-Hampton, Treasurer - 410-499-5685(cell)  
and  
Barry H. Hampton - Chairperson  
443-985-0828(cell)

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Vandenberge, John for Registrar	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012909	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/25/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Lynee Signor	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/27/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	John Vanenberge	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		N/A	\$500	\$500
5/22/18		N/A	\$500	\$500
4/17/18		N/A	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
N/A	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am 79 years old and have had a lot of health issues.
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### Division Comments

Deny, reports have to be file to be consider for a waiver
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### Administrator's Decision

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Ho. County - Board of  
Elections

Wednesday 25, 2018

Sir/Mem: Last Sat. 7/21/18 I rec'd your letter reminding that a financial report was past due from S. Vandenberg, Registrar. I have included my registered - resignation (A) of 28 March, 2018. A letter of explanation (B) was included. The letter explained → I'm 79, have had triple bypass heart surgery 9-14-14; a stroke 1/15/99, 2 mini-strokes between 2014 + 2016 - the last one ruined my handwriting. I also have moderate to severe osteo + rheumatoid arthritis. I also current live in Assisted Living. I was in Ho. Co. Gen Hosp in March - when my ex-sorcin-law - John Vandenberg called + said he was running for Registrar, but the guy who was to be his Treasurer wasn't a registered voter + he needed me to sign some papers. Subsequently we never had any meeting to plan or get information, then I rec'd a remind of a financial report due 4/17. (D) I was sure that John had gotten someone to take my place - so I called your office in alarm, and they faxed me a form to submit my resignation + I filled it out + faxed it back, with a letter of explanation. Then I rec'd a letter from your office acknowledging my resignation [rec'd 3/28/18. (C)]

I hope all this provides enough information for your needs.

John Vandenberg

Very Sincerely Yours,  
Lynne Leitch - Signor, MS, MA, PHI  
6257 Tamar Dr  
Columbia, MD 21045

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Washington, Eric Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012949	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/26/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Paul Halley	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/27/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Eric Washington	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/25/18	\$160	\$160
			\$	\$
			Total	\$160

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Prior Waiver and Fees

4/17/18 late fee \$500 unpaid  
 6/13/14 late fee \$60  
 1/15/14 late fee \$10

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$275	\$80	\$86	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am going to assume my paper work didn't get to where it should have been on time.

### Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

Resubmitting from May 18, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections

Attn: Campaign Finance

151 West Street, Suite 200

Annapolis MD 21401

Re: Waiver

May 18, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections

Campaign Finance

I am requesting a Waiver for the fees for the spring report 1 – Due April 15, 2018. I have received one check in the amount of 150.00 dollars during this reporting period.

I am presently working with Ms. Patricia Ramallosa to rectify my previous account from the 2014 elections. My Treasurer Mr. Henry has been battling cancer, so getting information has been difficult to complete that file. But I hope to have that completed shortly.

After filing for the Board of Education and State Central Committee. I was told that I had to withdraw from one of those seats. I withdrew from the State Central Committee. I was later told after calling the Campaign Finance division that my documents were not loaded into system initially after filing for the Board of Education in Baltimore County. But as you know, there was a lot of confusion about the parameter for the BOE. I believe that withdrawing from one of those seat delayed my paper work. Which delayed my filing.

I am going to assume my paper work did not get to where it should have been on time. That's what I was told.

I apologize for any inconvenience this has created.

Eric Washington

Friends of Eric Washington

636 Villager Circle

Baltimore, MD 21222

410-499-4066



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEMO

**Date:** August 14, 2018  
**To:** Linda Lamone, Administrator  
**From:** Kaye E. Robucci, Election Director *ker*  
**Subject:** Temporary Change of Polling Places

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Due to renovations at (2) polling places during the 2018 Primary Election, voters in District 25-1 were temporarily moved to Trinity Lutheran Church and voters in 27-1 were temporarily moved to Paramount Elementary School. The Resolutions were submitted and the required notice was posted on our website indicating the changes and that both districts would return to their original polling places for the 2018 General Election.

The renovations have been completed and we request approval to move District 25-1 back to Bethel Gardens' and District 27-1 back to Fountaindale Elementary School. Notification of the move will be sent to each registered voter.

On behalf of the Washington County Board of Elections, please accept this correspondence as a request to be presented before the State Board at its next meeting on August 23, 2018.

Thank you

Board of Elections  
Office

300 South Center Street, Room 212  
Westminster, Maryland 21157-5248



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[ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/electionboard](http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/electionboard)  
FAX: 410-876-3925

To: Maryland State Board of Elections  
From: Katherine Berry, Election Director  
Date: August 7, 2018  
Re: Ballot Marking Device (BMD) Allocation

We had several requests for additional Ballot Marking Devices at EVC1 – Westminster Senior Activities Center during the Primary Election. While we had 63 voters use the single device in the early voting center, there were many more that changed their mind after waiting in line to use the device.

As in every General Election, I anticipate our turnout to be even higher and I do not want voters who really would prefer to use the BMD decide not to use it because there is a line. We have an ample supply of BMD's, subsequent supplies and enough space at the early voting center to provide for a second BMD.

I would like to ask for the Board's consideration of approving Carroll County to have a total of 2 BMD's at EVC1 – Westminster Senior Activities Center.

If you have any questions, please call me at (410)386-2958.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Nikki Charlson  
Deputy Administrator

## Memorandum

**To:** State Board Members  
**From:** Jared DeMarinis  
**Date:** August 23, 2018  
**Re:** Proposed Changes to Regulations

At the next board meeting, I will propose changes to the following COMAR provision<sup>1</sup> (see enclosure):

- 33.13 -Campaign Financing
  - .01 (Definitions)
  - .07 (Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media)
    - .01 (Definitions)
    - .02 (Requirements)
  - .10 (Prohibitions)
    - .02 (Prohibited Contributions)
  - .15 (Political Action Committees)
    - .13 (*Merges and Acquisitions*)
  - .17 Participating Organizations
    - .01 (Scope and *Definitions*)
    - .02 (Registration)
  - .19 (*Expenditures and Disbursements*)
    - .01 (*Scope*)
    - .02 (*Polls*)
    - .03 (*Mailing List*)
    - .04 (*Voter File Access*)
  - .20 (*Contributions by Employee Membership and Membership Entities*)
    - .01 (*Definitions*)
    - .02 (*Non-Contribution Disbursements*)
  - .21 (*Online Platforms*)
    - .01 (*Definitions*)
    - .02 (*Political Advertiser Purchaser Responsibilities*)
    - .03 (*Online Platform Responsibilities*)

<sup>1</sup> Italicized text is new section or language.

- .04 (*Penalties*)
- .22 (*Legal Expenses*)
  - .01 (*Scope*)
  - .02 (*Establishment*)
  - .03 (*Management*)
  - .04 (*Reporting*)
  - .05 (*Applicability of Contribution Limits*)
  - .06 (*Permissible Uses*)
  - .07 (*Prohibitions*)

### **Campaign Financing (Subtitle 13)**

#### **.01 Definitions**

The proposed regulation amends the definition of donation to include the compliance account of a political action committee.

#### **.07 Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media**

The proposed regulations amend the requirements for an electronic media advertisement to include the definition of a qualifying paid digital communication and other clarifying changes to comply with the recently passed legislation. It expands the authority line requirements for online campaign material to participating organizations and other person required to register with the State Board. The proposed regulations change the authority line requirements for campaign material where it would not legible to read to current technological standards, such as the use of an icon or an overlay rather than a click through. The regulations prohibit data collection from the viewer of an authority line.

Additionally, the proposed regulation clarify the use of bots may not conceal or misrepresent the identity of the political committee responsible for campaign material distributed.

#### **.10 Prohibitions**

The proposed regulation amends the current regulation to conform ownership of a video lottery operation license with Election Law Article §13-226(e).

#### **.15 Political Action Committees**

The proposed regulation on merges and acquisitions of political action committees codifies current State Board policy on the attribution of contributions between merged or acquired political action committees.

#### **.17 Participating Organizations**

In 2017, the General Assembly changed the reporting requirements for a participating organization. These proposed regulations reflect the statutory changes.

#### **.19 Expenditures and Disbursements**

The proposed regulations detail how political committees treat the receipt of a polls, mailing list or voter access file. The proposed regulation set up a tiered approach on the value of a poll based upon the date of receipt of the information. It is similar to how the Federal Election Commission value

polling information. Additionally, mailing list have been a frequently asked question by committees on how to value them. The valuation of the list will be industry standards for purchasing similar lists. Finally, the regulations clarify that the purchase of a voter file from a political party is not considered a transfer or a contribution to the political party.

*.20 Contributions by Employee Membership and Membership Entities*

House Bill 1498 of the 2017 General Assembly Legislative Session changed the definition of a contribution to exclude certain activities by an employee membership and membership entity. The proposed regulation clarifies and defines the activities not considered contributions by those entities.

*.21 Online Platforms*

In 2018, the General Assembly passed the Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act. The Act required disclosure regarding campaign material on online platform from the online platforms. The proposed regulations establish the responsibilities for the purchaser of the political advertisement, the online platform and any other intermediaries used in the placement of the advertisement before reaching a publicly facing website. This includes the requirements for the public database of all political

The proposed regulations define an ad network and clearly state the civil and criminal penalties for noncompliance. Additionally, the proposed regulations establish safe harbors provision for online platform to rely on the information provided by the purchaser as well as a method for refusal to accept political advertisements.

*.22 Legal Expenses*

The proposed regulation on legal expenses clarifies the reporting obligations for a political committee engaging in fundraising effort for a recount challenge or defense.

If you have any questions about this proposed text before the board meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will, of course, be available at the board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment: Proposed Regulations

**Title 33 State Board of Elections**  
**Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing**  
**Chapter 01 Definitions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), 13-218(b), 13-245 and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions.**

A. [text unchanged]

B. Terms Defined.

(1) - (5) [text unchanged]

(6) "Donation" means the gift or transfer, or promise of gift or transfer, of money or other thing of value to:

(a) An administrative account of the central committee or legislative party caucus committee;

(b) A person who makes independent expenditures; [or]

(c) A person who makes electioneering communications[.], or

(d) *A compliance account of a political action committee.*

(7)- (17) [text unchanged]

**Title 33 State Board of Elections**  
**Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing**  
**Chapter 07 Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 13-401, 13-404, 13-245 and Title 13, Subtitle 4, Part I, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions.**

A. [text unchanged]

B. Terms Defined.

(1) – (4) [text unchanged].

(5) “Distribution” means the act or instance of sharing or sending campaign material or hyperlinks of campaign material to the public, or to a list of subscribers, by means of an electronic communication *or online* platform, the Internet, text messaging service, or software application.

(6) “Electronic media advertisement” means a *qualifying paid digital communication, or other electronic communication in which campaign material* [advertisement, logo, or small icon that] is [posted] *disseminated, distributed or published* on social media, a micro-blog, the Internet, *text messaging, an online platform, or other forms of electronic media other than radio, broadcast, cable or satellite television by a political committee.*

(7) [text unchanged].

(8) Political Committee.

(a) “Political committee” has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §1-101, Annotated Code of Maryland; *and*[.]

(b) “Political committee” *also* includes:

(i) A candidate;

(ii) A person required to file an independent expenditure report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland; [or]

(iii) A person required to file an electioneering communication report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland [.] *or*

*(iv) Any entity or person required to register with the State Board under Title 13, Subtitle 3 of the Election Law Article.*

(9) Publication.

(a) “Publication” means the act or instance of making campaign material available to the public, or to a list of subscribers, including by means of an electronic communication *or an online* platform, the Internet, *a* text messaging service, or *a* software application.

(b) “Publication” includes displaying content on the Internet, updating webpages, posting blogs, and providing updates or posts on social media.

(10) [text unchanged]

.02 Requirements.

A.-C. [text unchanged]

D. Electronic Media Advertisements.

(1) An electronic media advertisement published or distributed by a political committee *or an agent of the political committee* for the purpose of promoting or opposing a candidate, prospective candidate, or the approval or rejection of a question is campaign material as defined under Election Law Article, §1-101(k), Annotated Code of Maryland.

(2) Authority Line Required.

(a) [text unchanged]

(b) If an electronic media advertisement is *in text or graphic form and is* too small to include the authority line information required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, in a legible manner, the political committee is in compliance with the authority line requirement under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, if:

(i) [For an] The *electronic media* advertisement [that allows the] *includes an icon or button that:*

*(a) When viewed in the context of the electronic media advertisement, provides clear, meaningful and prominent notice that the electronic media advertisement is campaign material; and*

*(b) when [viewer to] clicked by the person viewing [on] the electronic media advertisement: [the user is taken to a landing or home page that prominently]*

*(i) [d] opens a page, window or an overlay that prominently displays the authority line information required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland and [landing or home page that prominently displays] the information required under Election Law Article, §13-405(b)(6), Annotated Code of Maryland; and*

*(ii) does not result in the collection by the political committee of additional information or data about the person viewing the electronic media advertisement; or*

(ii) (a) [For an] *The electronic media advertisement appears on an online platform that does not allow for the use of the icon or button referenced in Regulation .02D(2)(b)(i) of this Chapter, [the political committee registers the advertisement and the authority line information required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, with the State Board], but when clicked by the person viewing the electronic media advertisement, opens a page or window: that prominently displays the authority line information required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland[.]; and*

*(b) The political committee notifies the State Board of the online platform that does not allow for the use of the icon or button referenced in Regulation .02D(2)(b)(1) of this Chapter.*

(c) Examples of electronic media advertisements that are too small to contain an authority line as required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, include:

(i) A micro bar;

(ii) A button ad;

(iii) A [paid] text [advertisement] or communication that is 200 characters or fewer in length; and

(iv) A [paid] graphic or picture link where it is not reasonably practical due to the size of the graphic or picture link.

E.-F. [text unchanged]

*G. Bots and Paid promotion. A political committee or other person responsible for any publication may not conceal or misrepresent the identity of the political committee or person responsible for the publication via the use of a software application or paid service that generates or deploys multiple social media profiles, such as a bot, to distribute or disseminate the publication.*

## **Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Subtitle 13 CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

#### **Chapter 10 Prohibitions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 13-218, 13-225-13-237, 13-239 and 13-245, and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Prohibited Contributions.

A.- C [text unchanged]

D. Video Lottery Operation Licensee or Applicant — Same Owners. If the person in §C of this regulation is a corporation, any wholly owned [corporations or other corporations owned by identical shareholders] *direct or indirect subsidiary or any other entity owned or controlled by persons owning at least 80% of the ownership interests in the corporation, at any time during the election cycle*, may not make any contributions to a political committee organized in support of a non-federal candidate for the rest of the election cycle.

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Subtitle 13 CAMPAIGN FINANCING**  
**Chapter 15 Political Action Committees**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-309.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.13 Merges and Acquisitions.**

*A. Acquisition. If a political action committee acquires, merges with, or takes control of another political action committee and is the surviving entity in the transaction, the prior contributions made by the non-surviving entity will not be retroactively attributed to the surviving entity.*

*B. Newly Formed Entity. If a political action committee merges with another political action committee to form a new political action committee, the prior contributions made by each of the non-surviving political action committees will be attributed to the newly formed political action committee. If, as a result of such attribution, the prior contributions to a particular political committee exceed the applicable contribution limit under Title 13 of the Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and this Subtitle, the political committee shall not be required to return any amounts attributed to the newly formed political action committee that exceed the applicable contribution limit, but the newly formed political action committee may not make a further contribution to that political committee.*

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Subtitle 13 CAMPAIGN FINANCING**  
**Chapter 17 Participating Organizations**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Scope and Definitions.**

A.-B. [text unchanged]

*C. Terms Defined.*

*(1) "Participating organization" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland.*

(2) “Political disbursement” has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(3) “Principal Officer” means the person exercising direction or control over the activities of the participating organization.

.02 Registration.

A. In General. The participating organization shall file a registration notice with the State Board within 48 hours of making [a contribution, donation, or] *political* disbursements of *more than* \$6,000 [or more] cumulatively in an election cycle [to:

- (1) A political committee;
- (2) A person making independent expenditures;
- (3) A person making electioneering communications; or
- (4) An out-of-State political committee for the purpose of influencing a Maryland election].

B. Notice Requirements.

(1) The registration notice shall consist of the following information:

- (a) The identity of the participating organization;
- (b) The business address of the participating organization;
- (c) The name and mailing address of the individual designated as the treasurer or responsible officer authorized to file reports required under Election Law Article, §13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (d) [The election year or years in which the participating organization will be participating] *The name and address of the principal officer of the participating organization;*  
and
- (e) A statement on whether or not the participating organization will *file a participating organization report* or provide an active Internet address on its landing page [for the entire election year] that contains the information required by the State Board as to the participating organization’s disbursements made and donations received[, including the names and addresses of all donors who have donated within the last 6 months from the date of filing the registration notice with the State Board] .

(2) If the participating organization:

(a) *Will publish the required information on* [Has] an active Internet address as described in §B(1)(e) of this regulation, it shall provide the Internet address on the registration notice and identify the Internet link on its landing page as “Campaign Finance Activity” and use at least 12-point font for all required information; or

(b) *Will not [have] publish the required information on* an active Internet address, the participating organization shall submit the reports required by Election Law Article, §13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland[, including the names, addresses, and occupations of the five largest monetary donors to the participating organization within the last year from the date of filing the registration notice with the State Board].

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 19 Expenditures and Disbursements**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), 13-218(b), 13-304(b), 13-221(a)(3), 13-245, and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Scope.**

*This chapter applies to expenditures and disbursements made by political committees and persons.*

**.02 Polls**

*A. Expenditure. The purchase of opinion poll results by a political committee or person is an expenditure by the political committee or person.*

*B. In-Kind Contribution. The acceptance of any part of an opinion poll's results by a candidate, the authorized campaign committee of the candidate, or an agent of the candidate, prior to such time as those results have been made public and without the payment of fair market value, shall be treated as an in-kind contribution by the political committee or person furnishing the opinion poll results to the candidate or the authorized candidate campaign committee.*

*C. Acceptance. The poll results are considered accepted by a candidate if the candidate, agents of the candidate, or the political committees affiliated with candidate:*

*(1) Requested the poll results before the opinion poll was concluded;*

*(2) Used the poll results before they became public; or*

*(3) Failed to notify the person purporting to provide the opinion poll results that the candidate refused to accept the opinion poll results.*

*D. Public Release. The acceptance of any part of a poll's results which part, prior to receipt, has been made public without any request, authorization, prearrangement, or coordination by the candidate or the agents of the candidate shall not be treated as an in-kind contribution by the political committee or person releasing the opinion poll results.*

*E. Fair Market Value.*

*(1) Fair market value of an opinion polls is determined as of the date when the candidate or its agents receives the poll results. The value of the polls decreases as the benefits derived from the poll results are less timely.*

*(2) The fair market value of an opinion polls is as follows:*

*(a) If the results are received within 30 days following receipt by the initial recipient(s) of the opinion poll, 100 percent of the amount paid for the opinion poll;*

*(b) If the results are received between 31 and 60 days following receipt by the initial recipient(s) of the opinion poll, 50 percent of the amount paid for the opinion poll,*

*(c) If the results are received between 61 and 180 days following receipt by the initial recipient(s) of the opinion poll, 5 percent of the amount paid for the opinion poll;*

*(d) If the results are received more than 180 days following receipt by the initial recipient(s) of the opinion poll, the fair market value shall be zero.*

*(3) If only a portion of the opinion poll results are shared with a candidate, then the fair market value of the results received by the candidate shall be further reduced:*

*(a) To an amount reflecting the proportion of the number of question results received by the candidate or political committee as compared to the total number of questions in the opinion poll; or*

*(b) To an amount computed by any other method which reasonably reflects the benefit derived.*

### **.03 Mailing List**

*A. Expenditure. The purchase of a mailing list, email list or a contributor list is a permissible expenditure by a political committee.*

*B. In-Kind Contribution. The acceptance of a mailing list, email list or a contributor list by a political committee from another person without providing compensation at fair market value is considered an in-kind contribution.*

*C. Fair Market value. The fair market value of the mailing list, email list or contributor list shall be determined by industry practice for selling mailing list data at the time of receipt.*

### **.04 Voter File Access**

*A. Field Expense. The purchase of voter file access is a permissible expenditure by a political committee. The purchase of the voter file access is considered a field expense*

*B. Procurement. The purchase of voter file access from a central committee by a political committee is not considered a transfer or contribution to the central committee.*

**Title 33 State Board of Elections**  
**Subtitle 13 Campaign Finance**  
**Chapter 20 Contributions by Employee Membership and Membership Entities**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions**

*A. In General. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.*

*B. Terms Defined.*

*(1) "Affiliated political action committee" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article §13-242 and §13-243.*

*(2) "Employee membership entity" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article §13-242.*

*(3) "Membership entity" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article §13-243.*

**.02 Non-Contribution Disbursements.**

*A. Requirements. The costs in §B of this regulation will not be considered a contribution by an employee membership entity or a membership entity to an affiliated political action committee that:*

*(1) It has established; and*

*(2) Only solicits contributions from the members participating in a payroll deduction program of the employee membership entity, or a program for periodic collection of dues of the membership entity.*

*B. Disbursements. The following costs of operating an employee membership entity or membership entity are not considered a contribution to an affiliated political action committee it has established:*

- (1) *The cost of establishing or modifying the payroll program or program for periodic collection of dues to permit the employer or membership entity to offer its employees or members, respectively, the option of making contributions by payroll deduction or other periodic method of payment;*
  - (2) *The cost of providing information or written materials regarding how to participate in the payroll deduction program or program for periodic collection of contributions to the members;*
  - (3) *The cost of compliance training for members who volunteer to contact other members to explain the political purpose and operation of the affiliated political committee established by the employee membership entity or membership entity and the member's right to refuse to participate without reprisal.*
  - (4) *The costs associated with soliciting members to participate in the payroll deduction program or program for periodic collection of contributions, including*
    - a. *The use of office space in the employee membership entity or membership entity; or*
    - b. *Personnel of the employee membership entity or membership entity.*
  - (5) *The cost of legal services concerning the requirements of Title 13 of the Election Law Article.*
- C. *Restrictions. A solicitation permitted under §B of this regulation by an employee membership entity or membership entity shall be limited to:*
- (1) *Current or active members, not former members or spouses of current or former members;*
  - (2) *Appeals for voluntary contributions without promise of reimbursement, reward, or other inducement from the employee membership entity or membership entity in exchange for the member's participation; and*
  - (3) *Appeals for voluntary contributions without actual or threatened penalty, coercion, discrimination, or other reprisal for the member's non-participation.*

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 21 Online Platforms**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), 13-405, Annotated Code of Maryland  
Annotated Code of Maryland

*.01 Definitions*

*A. In General. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.*

*B. Terms Defined.*

*(1) (a) "Ad Network" means any entity whose business is to facilitate the placement of advertisements on behalf of a third party for a fee by buying or selling directly or indirectly advertisement space on third party online platforms, websites, software applications or social media sites seeking to host advertisements.*

*(b) "Ad Network" includes any programmatic or other automated advertising network, service, or exchange that makes or accepts real-time bids for advertising inventory on an online platform through an automated platform, program or application.*

*(2) "Political Advertiser Purchaser" means any of the following entities to the extent it seeks to disseminate, distribute or publish a qualifying paid digital communication on an online platform:*

*(a) A political committee;*

*(b) A candidate;*

*(c) A person required to register to file an independent expenditure report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland;*

*(d) A person required to register to file an election communication report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland;*

*(e) A participating organization;*

*(f) An out-of-State political committee required to file a campaign finance report;  
and*

*(g) An agent as defined in COMAR 33.13.07.01.*

*.02 Political Advertiser Purchaser Responsibilities.*

*A. Notice. A political advertiser purchaser must provide notice that it is disseminating a qualifying paid digital communication to the online platform on which it intends to disseminate that qualifying paid digital communication.*

*B. Required Information. A political advertiser purchaser shall provide to the online platform at the time of the initial point of purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication by the online platform the following information:*

- (1) The name of the political advertiser purchaser; and:
  - (a) If an agent, the name of the political committee or entity represented by the agent; and*
  - (b) If a person required to register pursuant to Election Law Article §13-306 or §13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland, the name of the individual or individuals who exercises control or direction over the person**
- (2) A telephone number, mailing address and email address of the political advertiser purchaser;*
- (3) A copy of the qualifying paid digital communication;*
- (4) The identity of the candidate or ballot issue for which the qualifying paid digital communication relates; and*
- (5) Whether the qualifying paid digital communication supports or opposes candidate or ballot issue identified.*

*C. Notice to the State Board. If a political advertiser purchaser is not able to provide the notice required by paragraph A because the online platform is not equipped to receive such notice, then the political advertiser purchaser shall provide in writing within 48 hours to the State Board:*

- (1) Notice that the online platform failed to provide a mechanism for disclosing to the online platform that political advertiser purchaser is disseminating a qualifying paid digital communication;*
- (2) All of the information required in paragraph B; and*
- (3) The total amount paid for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication. If the amount will be calculated at a later date or changes after first reported, the amount shall be reported and updated within 48 hours after it is known to the political advertiser purchaser. Prior to the finalized amount, the political advertiser purchaser may provide a meaningful approximation of the total amount paid.*

*.03 Online Platform Responsibilities.*

- A. *Notice. An online platform must provide a mechanism for a political advertiser purchaser to provide notice to the online platform that it is placing a qualifying paid digital communication for dissemination.*
- B. *Database requirements. If the online platform is the initial point of the purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication, the online platform shall make available for public inspection on a website owned or controlled by the online platform in a machine readable, electronically searchable and downloadable database within 48 hours after receiving the notice described in paragraph A the following information:*
- (1) The date of the notice to disseminate the qualifying paid digital communication;*
  - (2) The name of the political advertiser purchaser; and:*
    - (a) If an agent, the name of the political committee or entity represented by the agent; and*
    - (b) If a person required to register pursuant to Election Law Article 13-306 or 13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland, the name of the individual or individuals who exercises control or direction over the person*
  - (4) A telephone number, contact mailing address and email address of the political advertiser purchaser and the political committee or person responsible for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication; and*
  - (5) The total amount paid by the political advertiser purchaser for the distribution or dissemination of the campaign material. . If the amount will be calculated at later date or changes after first reported, the amount shall be reported and updated within 48 hours after it is known to the online platform. Prior to the finalized amount, the online platform may provide a meaningful approximation of the total amount paid.*
- C. *Online Platforms- Purchases from Ad Networks. If the online platform is not the initial point of purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication and receives the qualifying paid digital communication from an ad network, the online platform shall make available for public inspection on a website owned or controlled by the online platform in a machine readable electronically searchable and downloadable database within 48 hours after receiving compensation for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication the following information:*
- (1) The date the qualifying paid digital communication was disseminated on its platform; and*

*(2) A link to the database on the website owned or controlled by the ad network from which it received the qualifying paid digital communication referenced in paragraph B.*

*D. Online Platform – other requirements. An online platform in paragraph C may provide only the link to the database on the website owned or controlled by the ad network that is the initial point of purchase for the dissemination of the qualifying paid digital communication on its website if:*

*(1) The qualified paid digital communication identifies the website of database of the ad network that is the initial point of purchase containing the database referenced in paragraph B in the authority line of the qualified paid digital communication;*

*(2) The online platform clearly discloses that the source of the qualified paid digital communication came from an ad network; and*

*(3) Maintains a current list of all ad networks with which the online platform has a contractual relationship.*

*E. Disclosure Database. The databases referenced in paragraphs B and C shall be clearly and conspicuously identified as disclosures about political advertisements.*

*F. Ad Network. An ad network has 100,000 or more unique monthly United States visitors or users for a majority of months during the immediately preceding 12 months if that is true of its own public-facing website, web applications, or digital applications, or if that is true of the websites, web applications or digital applications of any third party with which it has a contractual relationship for the placement of advertisements in exchange for compensation.*

*G. Safe Harbor.*

*(1) An online platform may rely on the information provided by the political advertiser purchaser or, if the online platform is not the initial point of purchase, by the ad network that is the initial point of purchase, and will not be held liable for failure to include a qualifying paid digital communication on its database if the political advertiser purchaser or ad network that is the initial point of purchase did not provide the notice required by Regulation .02A or .03A of this Chapter.*

*(2) An online platform is not required to provide the mechanism described in paragraph (A) if the online platform institutes a policy of not disseminating, distributing, publishing or displaying qualifying paid digital communications on its websites. An online platform may institute such policy by:*

*(i) Directing in writing that any Ad Networks with which it has a written contractual relationship not deliver or place a qualifying paid digital communication to its website or applications;*

*(ii) Publicly stating its policy of prohibiting the dissemination, distribution or publication of qualifying paid digital communications on its websites or applications;*

*(iii) Having a written policy directing the employees of the online platform not to accept a qualifying paid digital communication for placement on its websites or applications;*

*(iv) Establishing an internal review mechanism or protocols to prevent the placement of any qualifying paid digital communication on its websites or applications.*

*.04 Penalties.*

- A. Civil Penalties- Political Advertiser Purchaser. A political advertiser purchaser is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$5,000 if the political advertiser purchaser:*
- (1) Failed to notify the online platform that it intends to disseminate a qualifying paid digital communication pursuant to Regulation .02A of this Chapter; or*
  - (2) Failed to notify the State Board that the online platform did not provide a mechanism to provide notice of the placement of a qualifying paid digital communication pursuant to Regulation .02C(1) of this Chapter; or*
  - (3) Failed to provide the State Board any other information required under this Chapter.*
- B. Civil Penalties – Online Platform. An online platform that violates this chapter is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$5,000.*
- C. Criminal Penalties- A person who knowingly and willfully violates a provision of this chapter is subject to a fine not exceeding \$25,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.*

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 22 Legal Expenses**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 13-233, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

*.01 Scope.*

*This chapter applies to legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election.*

*.02 Establishment.*

*Prior to the receipt of contributions received pursuant to Election Law Article 13-233, a political committee shall:*

*A. Establish a segregated checking account from the campaign accounts of the political committee, consistent with the requirements of Election Law Article, §13-220, Annotated Code of Maryland; and:*

*B. Register the segregated account with the financial institution and the State Board in a manner that identifies it as being for legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election.*

*.03 Management.*

*The political committee shall:*

*A. Maintain account books and records for legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election in accordance with the requirements of Election Law Article, §13-221, Annotated Code of Maryland; and*

*B. Report all contributions received, disbursements made, and outstanding obligations incurred in connection with legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election on a disclosure report.*

*.04 Reporting. The political committee paying for reasonable legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election must report all contributions received and expenditures made on a campaign finance*

*.05 Applicability of Contribution Limits.*

*A. Contributions.*

*(1) All monies received from an individual to the political committee to pay for the legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result are contributions.*

*(2) All services provided by an individual to the political committee to offset the costs of legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result are contributions.*

*B. Contribution limit. An individual may make an unlimited contribution to the political committee to pay for or offset the legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result.*

*.06 Permissible Uses.*

*A. Permissible Use. Contributions received in accordance with Election Law Article § 13-233(b), Maryland Code Annotated, shall be used exclusively for legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result.*

*.07 Prohibitions.*

*A. Commingling of Funds. A political committee may not commingle the funds of a campaign account and the account established under .02 of this section.*

*B. Prohibited Activities. The political committee may not expend any funds received in accordance with Election Law Article § 13-233(b), Maryland Code Annotated, for any reason other than the payment of legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result.*

## ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

August 23, 2018

1. *Benisek v. Lamone*, No. 1:13-cv-03233 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). No change from the last update. This case involves claims that the State's congressional districting map is an unconstitutional political gerrymander. Oral argument took place on March 28, 2018. On June 18, 2018, the Supreme Court affirmed the denial of the preliminary injunction entered by the three-judge district court, holding that the court below did not abuse its discretion in concluding that the balance of the equities and the public interest both weighed in favor of the denial. The Court did not discuss the merits of the case. After remand, the parties submitted supplemental briefing on the impact of *Gill v. Whitford*, No. 16-1161, slip op. (June 18, 2018) and other late-term Supreme Court rulings on the issues in this case. Summary Judgments motions are currently pending and fully briefed. Plaintiffs are seeking an accelerated trial schedule so that the matter may be presented to the Supreme Court sufficiently in advance of the 2020 elections.

2. *Fusaro v. Davitt et al.*, No: 1:17-cv-03582 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). No change from the last update. Plaintiff Dennis Fusaro has brought a complaint in federal court alleging that Maryland violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments by limiting access to the voter list to Maryland voters and only for purposes related to the electoral process. The State defendants moved to dismiss the complaint in January, and their reply in support of that motion was filed February 23, 2018. The motion is fully briefed and awaiting ruling by the Court.

3. *Johnson v. Prince George's County Board of Elections*, No. CAL16-42799 (Cir. Ct. Prince Georges Cnty.). No change from the last update. This case involves a challenge under the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution and Declaration of Rights to the SBE's alleged failure to provide information and access to voter registration and voting resources to eligible voters detained by the Prince Georges County Department of Correction during the 2016 election. The case had been originally filed in the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County but was removed on the basis of the federal claims asserted by the Plaintiffs. On February 27, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland granted SBE's motion to dismiss the Plaintiffs' federal claims, declined to exercise jurisdiction over the state claims, and remanded the case to the Circuit Court for further proceedings. The parties are awaiting further direction from the court.

4. *Claudia Barber v. Maryland Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-17-001691 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.) On January 25, Ms. Barber appealed from the Circuit

Court's January 11 dismissal of her complaint. Ms. Barber sought damages and judicial review of, among other things, the State Board's decision not to issue a declaratory ruling permitting her to use campaign funds to pay for litigation costs she incurred in her unsuccessful attempt to retain her position as an administrative law judge in the District of Columbia. Ms. Barber was ruled ineligible for that position due to her candidacy in 2016 for Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Ms. Barber's opening appeal brief was filed in late May, and Appellees' brief was filed August 6, 2018. Ms. Barber's reply brief is due August 27, and the case is scheduled for argument in February 2019.

5. *Judicial Watch v. Lamone*, No. 1:17-cv-02006-ELH (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). No change from the last update. This case involves the denial of access to Maryland's voter registration database. Under Maryland law, access to the voter registration list is limited to Maryland registered voters and only for non-commercial, election-related uses. Judicial Watch—an elections watchdog group located in Tennessee—requested Maryland's voter registration “database” and was denied because it was not a Maryland registered voter. Judicial Watch filed suit, arguing that the database was required to be disclosed under the federal National Voter Registration Act. On June 4, 2018, the district court denied our motion to dismiss, concluded that it is plausible that voter registration lists have to be provided under the NVRA, but also concluded that it was unclear whether the “database” that Judicial Watch sought was the same thing as the voter registration “list.” The court issued a scheduling order and the case is currently moving into the discovery part of the litigation.

6. *Egbuonu v. Lamone*, No. CAL18-26458 (Cir. Ct. for Prince George's Cnty.). On July 25, 2018, four Prince George's County voters filed a petition for judicial review of the State Board's acceptance and processing of the nomination of April Ademiluyi by the Libertarian Party for the contest for Circuit Judge of Prince George's County, alleging that the nomination was not made in accordance with the Libertarian Party of Maryland's constitution and therefore was not proper under Maryland law. The Petition names the State Board, the State Administrator, the Libertarian Party of Maryland and two of its officer, and Ms. Ademiluyi as defendants, and seeks an injunction requiring the State Board to remove Ms. Ademiluyi from the general election ballot. On August 15, petitioners filed a motion for temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, and the court scheduled a hearing for August 24 on the motion for preliminary injunction (without entering the requested TRO). On August 22, the State Respondents filed an opposition to the motion on statute of limitations/laches grounds.

7. *The Washington Post, et al. v. McManus, et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-02527 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). This case presents a challenge by a coalition of newspaper publishers that maintain an online presence to certain provisions of the recently-passed Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act (the “Act”). Specifically, the plaintiffs challenge the constitutionality of the Act’s imposition of disclosure obligations on newspaper publishers that accept online political ads, its use of terms in defining those obligations that are allegedly vague and overbroad, and its empowerment of the Attorney General to pursue injunctive remedies for violations of the Act. The plaintiffs also contend that the Act is preempted by the federal Communications Decency Act. The plaintiffs filed their complaint along with a motion for preliminary injunction on August 17, 2018, naming the individual members of the State Board, the State Administrator, and the Attorney General as defendants. On August 20, 2018, the Court entered a scheduling order requiring Defendants to submit their opposition to the motion on September 4 and Plaintiffs to submit their reply on September 17, and setting a hearing on the motion for October 10, 2018.

**Maryland State Board of Elections**  
**Agreement Number: MD18101001**  
**Program Narrative Submission**  
**March 23, 2018 – March 22, 2023**



*Submitted: July 11, 2018*

## **Overview**

The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) is pleased receive \$7,063,699 in federal funds to “enhance election technology and make election security improvements.” With the State’s 5% match of funds, SBE will have \$7,416,884 available to fulfill Congress’ intent to improve election security and technology.

Securing systems and data is a continuous effort in Maryland’s elections community, and the systems and data we use are protected by the industry accepted best practices for critical information systems. From the voter registration process to the voting process to the posting of election results, we have ways to protect, monitor, test, and restore the systems and processes. We are constantly looking for ways to enhance how we protect these systems and respond to new risks, and these funds will enable Maryland’s election community to enhance the security measures protecting the systems and data we use to conduct elections.

## **Proposed Election Security Activities**

As requested by the U. S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), proposed activities are assigned to six categories with 2018 activities and long-term activities described for each category.

### *Voting Equipment Replacement and Upgrades*

1. **Background:** In 2016, Maryland transitioned to a paper-based voting system statewide<sup>1</sup>. With this system, voters mark a paper ballot by hand or use an accessible ballot marking device to create a paper ballot. The voter then scans the paper ballot into a tabulator. This voting system has been successfully tested against version 1.0 of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines and is certified by the EAC. Since 2006, State and local election officials have used electronic pollbooks to check in voters.
2. **2018 Election Activities:** Maryland will continue to use the paper-based voting system and electronic pollbooks for the 2018 elections. Both systems will be thoroughly tested before the 2018 elections and security measures to protect the integrity of the system have been reviewed, implemented, and audited. Paper ballots are securely stored and are available for auditing, recounts, or a contested election.
3. **2020 and Future Election Activities:** Before the 2020 elections, SBE anticipates upgrading the software and firmware for the voting system and the software and hardware for the electronic pollbooks.

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<sup>1</sup> The voting system used in the State of Maryland is Election Systems & Software’s EVS 5.2.0.3 (EAC certification number ESSEVS5203).

Since State law requires the use of a paper-based voting system, any voting system used in Maryland be a paper-based system. SBE will continue its tradition of rigorous testing and strict security and chain of custody procedures.

4. Budget Narrative: SBE will use approximately \$100,000 of federal funds to obtain a new server and upgrade an existing server for the electronic pollbooks.

#### *Election Auditing*

1. Background: SBE developed with auditing experts a comprehensive audit program to verify the integrity of the election process in Maryland. In addition, with the introduction of a paper-based voting system for the 2016 elections, SBE evaluated three different ways of auditing ballots<sup>2</sup> and selected an independent software audit to verify the results of 100% of the ballot images from the 2016 General Election<sup>3</sup>. The ballot tabulation audit confirmed the accuracy of the results from the voting system and provided State and local election officials with valuable information about voting machine maintenance, pollworker training, and voter education.
2. 2018 Election Activities: State law requires an independent software audit after each statewide election and a manual audit of sampled ballots after a general election<sup>4</sup>. As a result, election officials will use the software audit to validate the election results for the 2018 Primary and General Elections and use the manual audit after the 2018 General Election.
3. 2020 and Future Election Activities: Election auditing will continue in Maryland and will cover critical aspects of the election process, including election results.
4. Budget Narrative: No federal funds have been allocated to election auditing activities. SBE's share<sup>5</sup> of expenses related to the independent software audit for the 2018 Primary and General Elections will be used to meet the State's 5% match obligation. SBE expects that costs associated with the manual audit after a general election will be minimal and can be absorbed in existing budgets.

#### *Voter Registration Systems and Management*

1. Background: State and local election officials implemented a statewide voter registration system in 2005. The functionality of this system has expanded and hardware and software upgrades have resulted in a more robust and secure system.

For the 2012 elections, the State implemented an online system for voters to register to vote and update their registration information. Additional functionality

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<sup>2</sup> A report on the three audit methods evaluated is available at [http://elections.maryland.gov/press\\_room/documents/Post%20Election%20Tabulation%20Audit%20Pilot%20Program%20Report.pdf](http://elections.maryland.gov/press_room/documents/Post%20Election%20Tabulation%20Audit%20Pilot%20Program%20Report.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> Information about the post-election ballot tabulation audit of the 2016 General Election is available at [https://elections.maryland.gov/voting\\_system/ballot\\_audit\\_reports\\_PG16.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting_system/ballot_audit_reports_PG16.html).

<sup>4</sup> See Chapter 523 of the 2018 Laws of Maryland (House Bill 1274 of the 2018 Legislative Session).

<sup>5</sup> State law requires the voting system expenses be shared equally between the State and counties. Since the independent audit software reviews the results from the voting system, costs associated with this auditing activity will be shared between State and county funds.

was added to allow for online requests for absentee ballots, and upgrades have resulted in a more robust and secure system.

2. **2018 Election Activities:** While no substantive changes to the system will be made in 2018, election officials have enhanced system monitoring activities, will continue to prioritize protecting the systems and voter data, and will implement two-factor authentication for all users of the statewide voter registration system. The online voter registration and ballot request system now uses two-factor authentication for users with administrator privileges.
3. **2020 and Future Election Activities:** SBE plans to upgrade servers and software in off election years and continue to enhance the system monitoring activities.
4. **Budget Narrative:** SBE will use approximately \$1,000,000 or 15% of the federal funds to upgrade equipment and software for its voter registration, candidacy, and election management system and online voter registration and ballot request system.

#### *Cyber Vulnerabilities*

1. **Background:** Protecting election data and systems is a top priority for State and local election officials. In the last five years, all of the State's election systems have been independently reviewed for vulnerabilities. In 2017, SBE had a business impact analysis and risk assessment performed. Election systems are continuously monitored and steps to mitigate risks and vulnerabilities are taken when necessary.
2. **2018 Election Activities:** Protecting election systems and data continues as one of SBE's top priorities. Regular security meetings occur with in-house resources and vendors supporting critical election systems, and risk and vulnerability assessments are performed with each software release. Alerts are generated for any unusual voter registration or absentee voting behavior and appropriate action is taken. SBE scheduled various assessments available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center. The agency's security and disaster recovery plan has been reviewed and updated, and SBE has reviewed and made suggestions for the plans for the local boards of elections.
3. **2020 and Future Election Activities:** Identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities will continue to be a top priority for State and local elections officials. Assessing and mitigating vulnerabilities is a continuous task, and SBE will continue to perform these assessments regularly and address any identified issues immediately.
4. **Budget Narrative:** SBE will allocate about \$3,500,000 or about 50% of its federal funds to identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities. These actions include upgrading equipment and software, implementing 2-factor authentication on workstations, hiring an information security expert, and automating SBE's patch management process.

#### *Training*

1. **Background:** The State's Department of Information Technology previously offered monthly online security training, and SBE coordinated information security

trainings for State and local election officials. Several election officials have participated in and been trained to conduct table top exercises. SBE has established an internal working group to review security issues, provide training, and document incident response plans.

2. **2018 Election Activities:** SBE conducted a table top exercise for senior SBE leadership before the 2018 Primary Election and plans to conduct another one before the 2018 General Election. Before the 2018 General Election, SBE will also conduct a table top exercise for State and local election officials. SBE understands that the State of Maryland intends to resume its monthly online security training, but if it is delayed, SBE intends to offer an alternate way to provide this training for State and local election officials. SBE's internal working group will continue its work to increase security awareness and responses.
3. **2020 and Future Election Activities:** Security training and table top exercises will continue, and SBE plans to offer local election officials two table top exercises each year. SBE's IT resources will continue to engage in professional development opportunities to enhance our election systems.
4. **Budget Narrative:** SBE will spend approximately \$1,500,000 or 20% of the federal funds on training. This training will include table top exercises and cybersecurity training for State and local election officials and professional training for SBE's IT personnel.

#### *Communication*

1. **2020 and Future Election Activities:** An incident management plan is critical to responding to an information security incident.
2. **Budget Narrative:** SBE will spend approximately \$500,000 or 5% of the federal funds on the refinement of and training on an incident management plan and if needed in response to an information security incident, implementation of this plan.

#### **Grant Administration**

SBE has deposited into an interest-bearing account all federal funds. Interest earned on these funds will be retained in the account and used for only allowable activities. SBE agrees to provide in-kind contributions to meet its 5% match requirement (\$353,185) and meet this match requirement by March 23, 2020.

#### **Annual Financial and Performance Reports**

SBE will file annually program narrative and expenditure reports covering activities and expenditures for the prior federal fiscal year. Each narrative report will include a summary of expenditures aligned with budget categories in SBE's plan, a list of equipment obtained with these funds, and a description of how the funded activities meet the goals of the plan.

#### **Title to Property**

SBE understands that it acquires title to any property purchased using these funds and retains ownership of this property as long as SBE has the property.