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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OF THE  
STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of a Late Contribution and Expenditure Report ) Final Order by Default  
by Dentists of Oregon Political Action Committee, )  
Jane B. Myers, Treasurer, for the First Supplement to the ) Case No. L7831  
Second Pre-Election for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election )

November 15, 2004

Dentists of Oregon Political Action Committee (000054)  
Jane B. Myers, Treasurer  
17898 SW McEwan Rd  
Portland, OR 97224

Dear Ms. Myers:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a timely first supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election.

On August 19, 2004, the secretary notified the Dentists of Oregon Political Action Committee (committee), pursuant to ORS 260.232(2), that it had failed to file the report and that the secretary may impose a civil penalty. An opportunity for a hearing was provided in that notice; however, no request for a hearing was received by the secretary within the time permitted in the notice. Accordingly, after consideration of the records and files of the secretary regarding this matter, the secretary is entering the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The committee's Statement of Organization (SEL 221), applicable during the reporting period, was filed with the secretary on October 14, 1998. The statement reported Jane B. Myers as the treasurer and 17898 SW McEwan Rd, Portland, OR 97224 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a first supplement to the second pre-election report with the secretary on May 10, 2004, because it received two contributions exceeding \$500 from a single source between May 3 and May 9, 2004.

3. The committee reported the contributions required to be on the first supplement to the second pre-election report (\$1,000 from David W. Howerton, DMD, on May 3, 2004, and \$900 from Oregon Dental Association on May 4, 2004) on its post-election report filed on June 9, 2004, which is 21 business days after the date on which the first supplement to the second pre-election report was due.
4. On August 19, 2004, the secretary sent the committee a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty. The notice was sent by both certified and first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$100.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Erica Nimeth on August 20, 2004.
5. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
6. The secretary has record of no previous late filings during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

#### ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Jane B. Myers, Treasurer, failed to file a timely first supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Treasurer Jane B. Myers's failure to file a timely first supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 18, 2004, Primary Election violated ORS 260.063.

By statute, a maximum \$10,000 civil penalty may be imposed for this violation. The *2004 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 101 and 102, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

Under the penalty matrix, the maximum statutory penalty of \$10,000 is reduced to 1% of the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—for each business day the report was late as this is the first late violation by the treasurer.

Although the calculated penalty for the late report is \$399.00 ( $\$1,900.00 \times 1\% \times 21$  days), the penalty matrix sets a maximum penalty of \$100.00 when the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—is between \$0 and \$2,000.

ORDER

Payment of the proposed civil penalty of \$100.00 was received in the office of the Secretary of State on August 26, 2004. This Order will serve as your receipt and this matter is now considered closed.

RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the day this Order was served to you. Because this Order was mailed to you, the date of service is the day it was *mailed*, not the day you received it. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 60-day time period, you will lose your right to appeal.

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Jennifer Hertel, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: \_\_\_\_\_