

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Candidate/Committee Name: FRIENDS OF MARK HAAS
(Please print)

Committee I.D. #: 3523 Treasurer: MARK HAAS

Primary 2006 General Other

1st pre-election 2nd pre-election Supplement to 2nd pre Post-Election
 Supplement to Post Supplemental Initiative Drive

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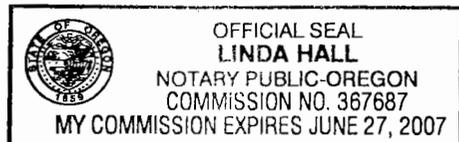
Signature _____ Date 7-12-06
Candidate/Treasurer

STATE OF OREGON)

County of Multnomah)

Subscribed before me this 12th day of July, 2006, by Mark Haas

Notary Public of Oregon
My commission expires: 6-27-07



I have always been careful about C&E deadlines. That's why I double-checked with the state elections office and my accounting service (C&E Systems) to confirm that I did not need to file reports during the 2006 election. I was not a candidate and did not participate in the election. My name was not on any ballot and did not appear in the Voters Pamphlet.

The former director of C&E systems, Stan Mathews, assured me I did not need to file. The Oregon Elections Division also told me by phone that I did not have to file a report other than the annual report in September.

Then, I received a letter from the elections division on April 13, 2006 saying I missed the deadline by three days. I was shocked. When I called, the elections clerk said I was erroneously told not to file because I was not a candidate. The elections officer explained, however, that she learned I had filed for re-election in the previous year and subsequently withdrew that filing. Technically, she said, that made me a candidate.

I disagreed with her interpretation of the law that defines candidates because I had not participated in the election.

Nonetheless I quickly filed by pre-election report that day. Because I was not a candidate, there were no contributions and there wasn't much activity.

I believe this was a simple case of confusion on all our parts – including mine. Given these circumstances, I respectfully ask that this proposed civil penalty be waived.


Mark Hass