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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of a Late Contribution and Expenditure Report)
by the Oregon Health Care Association Political Action) Final Order by Default
Committee, Ruth N. Bernard, Treasurer, for the Second)
Supplement to the Second Pre-Election for the May 16, 2006,) Case No. L9064
Primary Election)

March 9, 2007

Oregon Health Care Association Political Action Committee (000275)
Ruth N. Bernard, Treasurer
8995 SW Miley Rd, Ste 205
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Dear Ms. Bernard:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a timely second supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

On November 30, 2006, the secretary notified the Oregon Health Care Association 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 24, 2004. The statement reported Ruth N. Bernard as the treasurer and 8995 SW Miley Rd, Ste 205, Wilsonville, OR 97070 as the address to which all committee correspondence was to be sent.
2. The committee was required to file a second supplement to the second pre-election report with the secretary on May 12, 2006, disclosing contributions exceeding an aggregate of \$500 from a single source and expenditures exceeding an aggregate of \$1,000 to a single payee between May 1 and 11, 2006.

3. The committee reported total expenditures of \$7,500.00 (contributions to Debi Farr for \$2,500.00 and Ron Saxton for \$5,000.00 on May 8, 2006) during the accounting period for the report. The secretary received the report on May 15, 2006, which is one business day after the date on which the report was due.
4. On November 30, 2006, 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 \$75.00 and allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by Yvonne McGuinness on December 1, 2006.
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, 2005.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Ruth N. Bernard, Treasurer, failed to file a timely second supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Treasurer Ruth N. Bernard's failure to file a timely second supplement to the second pre-election contribution and expenditure report for the May 16, 2006, Primary Election violated ORS 260.063.

By statute, a maximum \$10,000 civil penalty may be imposed for this violation. The *2006 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 104–106, 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.

ORDER

It is ordered that a penalty of \$75.00 ($\$7,500.00 \times 1\% \times 1 \text{ day}$) is assessed. If your payment is not received within 60 days from the date of service noted below, this Order will be sent to our accounting division for collection and may be subsequently sent to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Please refer to case number L9064 when mailing your payment.

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.

Jan Flowers, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____