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Candidate/Committee Name: MARIO E. MAGAÑA
(Please print)

Committee I.D. #: 5367

Treasurer: ALBRECHT

BILL BRADLEY
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

Primary General Other

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

TESTIMONY:

I find myself in a complete state of shock at the idea that my campaign committee is being so harshly penalized by the Secretary of State office because we unknowingly did not submit a second supplement to second pre-election and expenditure report. The fact that both myself (the candidate to Senate District 8) and my treasurer were totally new at running an election campaign contributed to our mistake. Moreover, the proposed fine represents nearly 10% of the total contributions to my campaign. We reported every contribution and every expenditure to the penny and we thought that we had conducted the campaign with utmost integrity. If the intent of the Secretary of State office were to teach honest candidates a lesson to follow every rule to the letter, then levying a fine is hardly the means to achieve that goal.

Please know that I ran a grass roots campaign based on ideas and principles with a shoe string budget because I wanted to show people that an honest candidate can be effective without having to cave in to economically powerful special interests. I spent countless hours going door-to-door in order to minimize expenditures and still deliver my message of honesty and integrity and yet my campaign is being penalized because of an unintentional error.

We recognize our mistake and are indeed sorry for it, however, we honestly feel that the proposed fine is unfair and would like to respectfully request to the Secretary of State office to waive it.

Signature [Signature]
Candidate/Treasurer

Date 5/30/07

STATE OF OREGON)

County of Benton)

Subscribed before me this 30th day of May, 2007, by Mario E. Magaña

Notary Public of Oregon
My commission expires: 6/28/08

