2010 Election Year

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2010 TRIGGER REPORT - GENERAL ELECTION

For Legislative Candidates *(party candidates only)*

- Traditionally financed legislative candidates with a publicly funded opponent are required to file a Trigger Report when the total of all receipts or the total of all expenditures, which ever is greater, exceeds the trigger amount of:

  $4,144 for a House candidate or $19,078 for a Senate candidate.
- When you file a Trigger Report, the Commission staff will notify you of additional accelerated reports your campaign is required to file.
- The summary information contained in this report must be itemized in the appropriate regular campaign finance report (*i.e.*, 42-Day Post-Primary, 42-Day Pre-General, 11-Day Pre-General or 42-Day Post-General).
- For more detailed instructions, please see the next page.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION	
Name of candidate	Telephone number
Mailing address	Office sought
City, zip code	District number
Name(s) of publicly funded opponent(s)	

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION	
Unspent cash balance from the primary election *(as of June 8, 2010)*:	
Total cash contributions for the general election:	
Total in-kind contributions *(received after June 8, 2010)*:	
Total outstanding loan balance *(for loans received after June 8, 2010)*:	
Total bank interest received on general election contributions:	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION	
Total expenditures *(made after June 8, 2010)*:	
Total unpaid debts and obligations *(incurred after June 8, 2010 - not including loans)*:	
Total in-kind contributions *(received after June 8, 2010)*:	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	

SIGNATURE AND DATE

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Signature of candidate or treasurer　　　　　　Date

UNSWORN FALSIFICATION IS A CLASS D CRIME (17-A M.R.S.A. § 453).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A TRIGGER REPORT
FOR THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION
(legislative candidates enrolled in a party only)

When to file. If you receive, or spend and obligate, more than your publicly funded opponent's initial distribution ("trigger amount") for the general election, you must file a Trigger Report within 48 hours of going over this amount. The trigger amount for the 2010 general election is:

$4,144 for a House candidate or $19,078 for a Senate candidate.

In calculating your total receipts, remember to include your unspent cash balance from the primary election as of June 8, 2010, and all cash contributions for the general election (received before and after June 8, 2010), all in-kind contributions received after June 8, 2010, all interest received on cash contributions received for the general election, and the outstanding loan balance for loans received after June 8, 2010. Your total expenditures must include all actual expenditures, obligations (but not outstanding loan balances), and in-kind contributions made or received after June 8, 2010. Compare your total receipts (cash + in-kind contributions + loan balance) and your total expenditures (expenditures + obligations + in-kind contributions). Take the greater of the two and see whether it is more than the appropriate trigger amount (see above).

Please keep in mind that an expenditure is not just a payment to a vendor:

What is an expenditure?

- any obligation to pay for a good or service
- the placement of an order for goods and services
- a promise or agreement (even an implied one) that payment will be made
- the signing of a contract for a good or service
- the delivery of a good or service even if payment has not been made
- the payment for a good or service

When is an expenditure made?

The earliest of the following events:

- the placement of an order for a good or service
- a promise or an agreement to pay
- the signing of a contract for a good or service
- the delivery of a good or service
- the making of a payment for a good or service

How to file. The trigger (and accelerated reports) must be filed on paper, not electronically. You can fax the signed and completed form to the Commission at 287-6775 as long as the signed original report is received by the Commission within five (5) days. If a report is due on a weekend or holiday, you must file it when it becomes due by faxing it to the Commission. You cannot wait until the next business day.

Additional reports required. After filing a Trigger Report, you are required to file "accelerated" reports. The only accelerated reports required are those with deadlines occurring after the date that the Trigger Report was filed (see table below). The Commission will notify your campaign of the required accelerated reports.

Accelerated Report Schedule for 2010 General Election
(only for legislative candidates who filed a Trigger Report)

Type of Report	Filing Deadline: By 5:00 p.m. on	Reporting Period
18-Day Pre-General	October 15, 2010	Through October 13, 2010
6-Day Pre-General	October 27, 2010	Through October 25, 2010

You are only required to file accelerated reports that are due after you file a Trigger Report. For example, if you file a Trigger Report on October 18, 2010, you are only required to file the 6-Day Pre-General Accelerated Report on October 27, 2010.

IMPORTANT

The summary information contained in accelerated reports must be itemized in the appropriate regular campaign finance report. Please contact the Commission staff at 287-4179 if you have any questions about filing this report.