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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

June 7, 1972

President Richard M. Nixon  
White House  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

You are hereby informed that a group of Massachusetts voters has filed with this office a non-elected political committee with the title "New England Business and Industry Committee for the Re-Election of the President, Richard M. Nixon" for the expressed purpose of re-electing President Richard M. Nixon to the Presidency of the United States in 1972.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 55, section 3, provides that the candidate be notified by registered mail of the formation of this committee. The candidate may object in writing to the formation of this committee within fourteen days of the above written date. If no written objection is received the group will be deemed to be organized as a political committee and subject to the provisions of Chapter 55 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,  
*John F. X. Davoren*  
JOHN F.X. DAVOREN  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Office of the Secretary

### DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

*EXCERPTS from CHAPTER 55 of the General Laws as amended to January 1, 1968.*

#### Chapter 55, Political Expenses of Candidates

SECTION 1. "Campaign contributions", as used in this chapter shall include all contributions of money or its equivalent from individuals, political committees or others to a candidate or a person acting under his authority or a political committee, and without limitation, and to the extent no compensation is given or promised therefor, all of the following items:-- loans of property; payments or promises or guarantees of payment to others for the benefit of a candidate or political committee; purchases from a candidate or committee, whether through the device of tickets or otherwise, to the extent that the purchase price exceeds the fair value of the goods sold or services rendered; the grantings of discounts or rebates not available to the general public; and the cancellation of indebtedness; but shall not include the rendering of services by speakers, editors, writers, poll watchers, poll checkers or others, nor the payment by those rendering such services of such personal expenses as may be incidental thereto, nor the exercise of ordinary hospitality.

SECTION 2. Every candidate for nomination or election to a public office shall keep detailed accounts of all money or other things of value received by or promised to him or any person acting under his authority, and of all expenditures and disbursements made by him or by any person acting under his authority. Said accounts may be kept by an agent duly authorized thereto, but the candidate shall be responsible for them. They shall be kept separate and distinct from all other accounts, and shall include money or other things of value contributed or paid by the candidate from his personal funds.

Every payment shall, unless the total expense payable to any one person is less than five dollars, be vouched for by a receipted bill, stating the particulars of the expense, and every voucher, receipt or account hereby required shall be preserved for six months after the primary or election to which it relates. Failure by a candidate so to preserve such vouchers, receipts and accounts shall be deemed prima facie evidence of a corrupt practice.

Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

SECTION 4. Every non-elected political committee shall have a treasurer, and a chairman who shall, not later than thirty days preceding the election in which said committee is organized to function, file with the state secretary, or, when organized for the purposes of a municipal election only, with the city or town clerk, the names and addresses of such treasurer and chairman and of at least three additional members, and a statement of the purpose for which organized and the written consent of the candidates concerned. No candidate shall give his consent to more than three such committees. Any committee organized for the purpose of securing the nomination and election of a candidate shall state in its title the name of said candidate. In the event of a change in such officers or as to such additional members, a statement of such change shall forthwith be filed as in the case of the officers first chosen. The treasurer of every non-elected and of every elected political committee shall qualify for his office by filing a written acceptance thereof with the state secretary, or, in the case of a municipal election as aforesaid, with the city or town clerk, and said treasurer shall remain subject to all the duties and liabilities imposed by this chapter until his written resignation of the office or his successor's written acceptance is filed as aforesaid. No person acting under the authority or in behalf of any political committee shall receive any money or other thing of value, or expend or disburse the same or incur expenses, while it has no treasurer qualified as aforesaid, or while the name or address of any of its officers, as originally or subsequently chosen, or of any such additional member is not filed if and as required by this section or chapter fifty-two, as the case may be. Every treasurer of a political committee shall keep and preserve detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts, as prescribed for an individual candidate.

Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 5. Political committees, duly organized, may receive, pay and expend money or other things of value for the following purposes, and no others: advertising, writing, printing and distributing circulars or other publications, radio broadcasts or other forms of publicity, hire and maintenance of political headquarters, and clerical hire incidental thereto, meetings, refreshments, not including intoxicating liquors, but including cigars and tobacco, decorations and music, postage, stationery, printing, expressage, traveling expenses, telephone, telegraph and messenger service, and the hire of conveyances and workers at polling places.

Such committee may contribute to other political committees and may contribute to the personal fund of a candidate. A political committee or a candidate may hire conveyances or workers at primaries or elections, but not more than two persons at a

polling place shall be hired to represent the same political party, candidate or principle.

Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 6. No person or combination of persons, including a corporation formed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty, shall in connection with any nomination or election receive money or its equivalent, expend or disburse or promise to expend or disburse the same, except as authorized by this chapter. A political committee or a person acting under the authority or on behalf of such a committee may receive money or its equivalent, or expend or disburse or promise to expend or disburse the same for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat of a candidate at a primary or election or a political party or principle in a public election or favoring or opposing the adoption or rejection of a question submitted to the voters, and for other purposes expressly authorized by this chapter subject, however, to the provisions thereof. Any individual may make campaign contributions to candidates or non-elected political committees organized on behalf of candidates; provided, that the aggregate of all such contributions for the benefit of any one candidate and the non-elected political committees organized on such candidate's behalf shall not exceed in any one calendar year the sum of three thousand dollars. Any individual may in addition make campaign contributions for the benefit of elected political committees or non-elected political committees organized on behalf of a political party; provided, that the aggregate of such campaign contributions for the benefit of the political committees of any one political party shall not exceed in any one calendar year the sum of three thousand dollars. Any individual may in addition make campaign contributions not exceeding in any one calendar year the sum of three thousand dollars to non-elected political committees not organized on behalf of any candidate or candidates or political party. Any candidate may in addition make expenditures for the purposes of his own campaign and may make campaign contributions for the benefit of the non-elected political committees organized on his behalf. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section an individual of less than twenty-one years of age shall not make campaign contributions in an amount in excess of twenty-five dollars in the aggregate during any one calendar year. Any candidate required to designate a depository for campaign funds by section seventeen and any person acting for such a candidate or such a political committee shall pay for services rendered or goods sold in excess of the sum of fifty dollars only through or by the means of a check drawn upon such depository and bearing the legend "Campaign Account--(name of candidate or political committee)", and shall secure the signature of the person receiving such check to the following certificate to be printed on all such checks: "The undersigned affirms under the penalties of perjury that he is the named payee of this check or an authorized officer thereof, that he or it performed the services or delivered the goods indicated hereon, that the payment is for the sole purpose of paying for such goods or services and that no person other than the named payee has any interest, direct or indirect, in this payment".

Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 8. No person shall, directly or indirectly, make a campaign contribution in any name except his own nor in any manner for the purpose of disguising the true origin of the contribution nor unless he makes his name and address known to the person receiving such contribution at the time such contribution is made; nor shall any trust, foundation or association other than a political committee make a campaign contribution unless at the time such contribution is made there is also made known to the person receiving such contribution the names and addresses of its principal officers. No candidate or political committee or person acting under its authority or in its behalf shall knowingly receive a campaign contribution, or knowingly enter or cause the same to be entered in the accounts or records of such candidate or committee, unless the provisions of this section have been complied with.

Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 13. No officer, clerk or other person in the service of the commonwealth or of any county, city or town shall, directly or indirectly, give or deliver to an officer, clerk or person in said service, or to any councillor, member of the general court, alderman, councilman or commissioner, any money or other valuable thing on account of, or to be applied to, the promotion of any political object whatever.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person holding elective public office from contributing to a candidate or to an elected or non-elected political committee.

Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars.

SECTION 16. Except as otherwise provided herein, every candidate for nomination for or election to a public office, and the treasurer of every political committee receiving, expending or disbursing any money or its equivalent, or incurring any liability to pay money in connection with any nomination or election to an amount exceeding fifty dollars during any reporting period hereunder, shall file a statement setting forth the name and residential address of each contributor listed alphabetically in the case of an individual or political committee and the data required by section eight in the case of a trust, foundation or other association and the total amount of contributions from such contributor and each sum of money and thing of value expended, contributed or promised by him or it or by a person on his or its behalf, for the purpose of securing or in any way affecting the nomination or election to office of any candidate and the name of the person or political committee to or by whom the payment, contribution or promise was made, the name and address of the recipient thereof and the date thereof and, unless such expenditure or disbursement was made to another political committee, shall clearly state the purpose of such expenditure or disbursement, or, if less than an aggregate of fifty dollars has been paid or promised to him or it, or to a person on his or its behalf or contributed, expended or promised by him or it or by a person on his or its behalf, a statement to that effect. Such statement shall also set forth the date and amount of each then existing promise or liability, from such candidate or committee, remaining unfulfilled and in force when the statement is made, the name of the person or committee to whom the liability exists, and a clear statement of the purpose for which it was incurred.

Such a statement shall be filed as follows:--

(a) By a candidate for nomination as aforesaid at a primary or caucus preceding a special state, city or town election and by any non-elected political committee authorized by such a candidate, within seven days after such primary or caucus for the period ending on the date of such primary or caucus;

(b) By a candidate for nomination as aforesaid at any other primary or caucus and by any political committee within fourteen days after the date of such primary;

(c) By a candidate or committee required to designate a depository by section seventeen, upon such designation for the period ending on the date of such designation;

(d) Repealed.

(e) By a candidate for election as aforesaid and by every elected and non-elected political committee for the period starting with the date of the primary or caucus, if any, and ending with the date of election within fourteen days after the date of the election.

If the aggregate receipts or disbursements of a candidate or political committee in connection with any reporting period hereunder shall not exceed fifty dollars, then no statement shall be necessary for such period, or if such a candidate or committee has not received, expended or disbursed any money or its equivalent, or incurred any liability, in connection with the nomination or election, then no statement shall be necessary during such reporting periods; however, in either case, the candidate and political committee shall, within thirty days after the election, file a statement stating that his or its aggregate receipts or disbursements for any reporting period hereunder did not exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 17. (a) Candidates for nomination for or election to the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer and receiver general, auditor, United States senator and United States representative and the treasurer of each state committee referred to in section one of chapter fifty-two, and the treasurer of every non-elected political committee authorized by any of the aforesaid candidates or organized on behalf of a candidate for president or vice-president of the United States shall forthwith upon organization or upon the date for filing of primary nomination papers in the office of the secretary set forth in section forty-eight of chapter fifty-three, whichever date is the last to occur, designate as a depository for campaign funds of such candidate or committee a national bank authorized to transact business in the commonwealth or a trust company organized and existing under the laws of the commonwealth. Each such candidate and the treasurer of each such committee shall file with the state secretary a certificate of appointment containing the name of the bank or trust company so designated and the name of the candidate or political committee, and shall authorize the bank or trust company so designated to submit the reports required by subsection (e).

(b) Every candidate and the treasurer of every committee required to designate a depository shall, by the end of the third business day after receipt of any contribution deposit it in the form received in the designated depository. No such deposit shall be made or received to the credit of any account designated as provided for in this section unless such deposit shall be accompanied by a deposit slip containing for each contribution in excess of the sum of twenty-five dollars the name and address of the contributor in the case of an individual or political committee and in addition in the case of a trust, foundation or other association the data required by section eight; provided, that such information shall also be listed for each contribution of less than the

sum of twenty-five dollars if the aggregate of all contributions deposited from such contributor during the preceding fourteen days exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars. If any deposits represent the proceeds of borrowings, the deposit slip shall indicate the names and addresses of the lender, those persons liable either primarily or secondarily for any portion of such borrowings and those persons providing collateral, if any, for such borrowings.

(c) All payments for campaign purposes made by or for the benefit of a candidate or by the treasurer of a committee required to designate a depository after the date such depository is required to be designated which are in excess of fifty dollars shall be made only from funds on deposit in said depository through checks drawn on such depository and indicating that such checks are drawn on the campaign account of the candidate or the political committee involved. All checks drawn on such campaign accounts shall be payable either to the order of a named payee not the candidate or treasurer or, if for no more than fifty dollars, may be payable to the candidate or treasurer, except that the total of checks payable to the candidate or treasurer for each period under subsection (e) hereof shall not exceed five hundred dollars, and shall contain printed thereon a statement of purposes as follows:--

**PURPOSES OF PAYMENT**

(Check One and Fill in Specific Purpose)

T.V., Radio.....Printing.....Signs or Displays.....  
 Newspaper..... Office.....Transfer of Funds.....  
 Meetings.....Travel.....Other (Specify).....  
 Specific Purpose.....

Such checks shall also contain thereon for signature by the named payee, the certificate required by section six.

(d) No candidate or committee treasurer required to designate a depository for campaign funds shall authorize the incurring of any expenditure in behalf of the candidate or a committee unless there are monies on deposit in the depository designated in accordance with the provisions of this section to the credit of the campaign account of such candidate or committee sufficient to pay the amount of expenditures so authorized, together with all other expenditures previously authorized and still outstanding, or unless such candidate or treasurer files with the state secretary on the dates indicated in subsection (e) hereof a complete statement of all unpaid obligations then outstanding, the terms of payment, purpose of the expenditure by which the obligation was created and name and address of the person holding the obligation.

(e) The cashier or treasurer of the bank, selected by any candidate or committee as above provided, shall file with the state secretary by the fifth and twentieth of each month while such account is in existence, a statement of the balance as of the preceding first or fifteenth of the month together with a summary of all the deposit slips presented to the bank since the last such statement with any deposit of monies to the campaign account of such candidate or committee, listing the names alphabetically and other data as to all donors as it appeared on the deposit slip, and a list of all the checks presented to the bank since the last such statement upon which any funds were withdrawn from any such account with the names and addresses of the payees and the amount of each check, and the purposes for which the money was paid as thereon indicated.

(f) Such accounts shall remain in existence until the election and so long thereafter as a candidate or political committee has unpaid obligations still outstanding. A candidate or the treasurer of a political committee which has such obligations shall file with the state secretary by the fifth of each month a summary of all campaign contributions (including campaign contributions in the form of forgiveness of indebtedness) received during the preceding month together with the name and address and all other data as to each such contributor required by section eight.

Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 23. The state secretary shall inspect all statements of candidates filed with him, and the clerks of cities or towns shall inspect all such statements relating to nominations and to city or town elections filed with them, within thirty days, and all other statements within sixty days, after the election to which they relate, and if upon examination of the official ballot it appears that any person has failed to file a statement as required by law, or if it appears to the state secretary that any such statement filed with him does not conform to law, or if it appears to a city or town clerk that such statement relating to a city or town nomination or election does not conform to law, or upon written complaint by five registered voters that statement does not conform to law, or that any person has failed to file a statement required by law, the state secretary or city or town clerk, as the case may be, shall in writing notify the delinquent person. Such complaint shall state in detail the grounds of objection, shall be sworn to by one of the subscribers, and shall be filed with the state secretary or with the proper city or town clerk within forty days after the election in question, or within ten days after the filing of a statement or amended statement.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

August 18, 1972

President Richard M. Nixon  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

You are hereby informed that a group of Massachusetts voters has filed with this office a non-elected political committee with the title "Massachusetts Committee to re-elect President Nixon" for the purpose of re-electing Richard Nixon President of the United States.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 55, section 3 provides that the candidate be notified by registered mail of the formation of this committee. The candidate may object in writing to the formation of this group within fourteen days of the above written date. If no written objection is received the group will be deemed to be organized as a political committee and subject to the provisions of Chapter 55 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Your attention is called to the fact that no candidate shall give his consent to more than three such committees. At this date there is one committee on file, namely; New England Business and Industry Committee for the Re-election of President Richard M. Nixon.

Very truly yours  
JOHN F.X. DAVOREN  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

By *Andre R. Sigourney*  
Andre R. Sigourney  
Supervisor fo Public Records

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for 12/27/72

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

Date

8/28/72

TO:

David Wilson

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for handling 8/28

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Noble Melencamp



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Office of the Secretary*

*State House, Boston 02133*

*John F. X. Davoren*

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

September 11, 1972

President Richard M. Nixon  
White House  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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You are hereby informed that a group of Massachusetts voters has filed with this office a non-elected political committee with the title "Massachusetts Democrats and Independents for Nixon" for the purpose of re-electing Richard Nixon President of the United States.

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Very truly yours.

*John F. X. Davoren*

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
Washington

\_\_\_\_\_ Date 7/14/72

TO:       *Dan Wilson*      

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OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON



JOHN F. X. DAVOREN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

February 8, 1972

NM

Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
Office of the President  
Executive Mansion  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I hereby advise you that your name is to appear on the Massachusetts Presidential Primary Election ballot as a candidate for President of the United States. This election is to be held April 25, 1972.

Under the terms of the Massachusetts statute, it is incumbent upon me as State Secretary to place on our presidential primary ballot the names of those persons whom I shall have determined to be "generally advocated or recognized in national news media throughout the United States" as potential candidates for President. In compliance with this law, I have deemed you to be a presidential candidate.

The provisions of this same act provide that your name be removed from this ballot upon your filing an affidavit with the Election Division of my office specifically asserting it is your desire to have your name withdrawn. This affidavit must be signed, authorized and received in this office no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 1972.

Sincerely yours,

*John F. X. Davoren*  
JOHN F. X. DAVOREN  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

*Magruder*  
Date 2/10/72

TO:

*H. Fleming*

*Copies sent to Rose*

*Mary Woods and to Jerry*

*Warren*

**Noble Melencamp**

Sent to J. Magruder, H. Flemming 2/10/72

COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION

To be received by the Secretary of the Commonwealth no later than 5 p.m., February 15, 1972.

The undersigned, having had his (her) name placed on the Massachusetts ballot as a candidate for the office of President of the United States under the party or political designation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Designation)  
hereby requests that his (her) name be withdrawn from such nomination.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Residence) (City or Town) (State)

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(City or Town) (State) (Date) 19

Personally appeared the above named \_\_\_\_\_  
and acknowledged the foregoing request by him signed to be his free act and deed.

Before me,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public