

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of Campaign & Political Finance

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Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 1982.

If the committee did infact dissolve, a form 102 should have been filed indicating activity from the date of the last report filed to the date of dissolution. It appears, that in April the new committee was formed. If so, the new committee organization form 101 should have been filed.

In your letter you describe the activities of the Montachusett Political Caucus. M.G.L. c. 55, section 1 defines a political committee, required to file reporting forms with this office, as "any committee association, organization or other group of persons ... which receives contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, or candidates..."

In light of the above, it is my opinion that, the activities of your committee as you described them, suggest you are a political committee subject to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 55. The provisions of this chapter which require political committees to organize and file with this office does not depend upon the size of the contributions received by you, as you suggest in your letter. While the amount may dictate the information you must file, you must, nevertheless, report any and all contributions and expenditures to this office.

In specific response to paragraph 5; M.G.L. c. 55, section 1, defines an expenditure as "any expenditure of money, or anything of value...by a political committee, for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a candidate, or candidates." The reporting of any expenditure made by the committee for any amount \$25.00 or more should include, in addition to the date, name and address of the vendor the

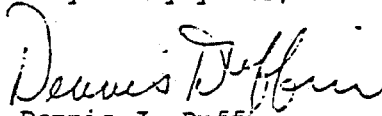
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name, address and office sought for every candidate on whose behalf the expenditure was made.

I am enclosing forms 101 and 102 for your use.

Please contact me if you have any future questions.

Very truly yours,


Dennis J. Duffin
Director

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