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To: Commissioners

From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director

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Re: Attempted Contacts this Week to Unregistered Candidates

As of today, there are four candidates who have qualified for the primary election ballot with the Secretary of State that remain unregistered with the Ethics Commission. As discussed in my prior memo, we sent three notices to them in March through May 2014 that were not returned to our office. The four unregistered candidates are listed in the table below, along with our attempted contacts this week:

Name	Office	Contacts Attempted This Week
Benjamin Bryant	House Dis. # 97	Reached household by phone. Mr. Bryant has left the residence. No contact info available.
Katherine Watson	House Dis. # 106	See summary of conversation below
Ashley Ryan	House Dis. # 39	No phone number found. Notice sent to one email address, but it may not be candidate's primary email address.
Danielle Unterreiner	Senate Dis # 28	Did not answer phone calls on May 22 & 23. No voicemail been set up. Has told Commission staff that she intends to withdraw, but has not done so yet.

Ms. Watson lives in Pittsfield, Maine. I was able to reach her last night by phone, after speaking with the chair of the local political party committee in her town. I was told that Ms. Watson agreed to qualify for the ballot as a candidate, expecting that another candidate would replace her as the party nominee. The party chair sounded perfectly willing to register Ms. Watson online through our website, once Ms. Watson provides her authorization. I subsequently spoke to Ms. Watson and tried to persuade her to register or to provide that authorization, but she kept insisting that she was not a candidate and had already withdrawn. I tried to explain that – in order to be replaced by another candidate – she would need to withdraw *after* the primary

election and that she was technically a candidate who needed to register. I am not sure that she understood. I am hopeful that communication between the local party chair and Ms. Watson this weekend will result in the filing of an online registration, but I am not confident.

Further attempts to contact the unregistered candidates will be made by Commission staff before May 28. Thank you.