

Exhibit #8

November 14, 2006

State of Maine
Commission on Governmental Ethics
And Election Practices
135 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0135

To Whom It May Concern:

On October 16, 2006 I received notice of a penalty filed against Opportunity Maine, for late filing of the October Quarterly PAC report. I request that the Commission make final determination of this penalty, based upon extenuating circumstances in filing this report.

On October 10, 2006, I experienced some computer problems as I attempted to file the October Quarterly report. The computer I was using at the time was an Apple, and although I was able to sign into the Maine Campaign Finance system using the Apple's web browser, I was unable to access any of the menu features or on-screen buttons. After making several attempts to file the report with the Apple computer, I went and found another computer with which I was able to access and file the report. The report was filed at 5:07 pm, 7 minutes after the deadline.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeremy J. Collette
Treasurer
Opportunity Maine PAC



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0135

October 12, 2006

Jeremy Collette, Treasurer
Opportunity Maine
P.O. Box 842
Portland, ME 04104

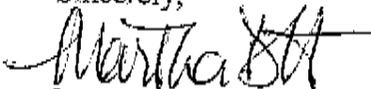
Dear Mr. Collette:

You filed the October Quarterly campaign finance report at 5:07 p.m. on 10/10/06 that was due by 5:00 p.m. A penalty must be assessed for late reports based on the amount of financial activity conducted during the filing period, the number of calendar days a report is filed late, and the PAC's filing record. Based on the prescribed statutory formula, the preliminary determination of the penalty for the late filing of your report is \$105.70. Please refer to the enclosed penalty matrix for more details on how the penalty is computed.

If you have a reason for filing late, you may request the Commission to make a final penalty determination. Any request for a Commission determination must be made within 10 calendar days of receipt of this notice, beginning on the day you sign for receipt. If this notice has been refused or left unclaimed at the post office, the 10-day period begins on the day the post office indicates it has given first notice of a certified letter. Upon receipt of your request for a Commission determination, we will schedule you to appear and will notify you of the date and time of the next Commission meeting. You or a person you designate may then appear personally before the Commission or you may send a written statement for the Commission's consideration. A statement must be notarized and contain a full explanation of the reason you filed late. Statements should be sent to the address shown on this letterhead. The Commission will notify you of the disposition of your case within 10 days after its determination.

Please note that the Commission may waive the penalty in whole or in part if it determines the failure to file a timely report was due to mitigating circumstances. "Mitigating circumstances" means 1) a valid emergency of the committee treasurer determined by the Commission, in the interest of the sound administration of justice, to warrant the waiver of the penalty in whole or in part; 2) an error by the Commission staff; or 3) other circumstances determined by the Commission that warrant mitigation of the penalty, based upon relevant evidence presented that a bona fide effort made to file the report in accordance with the statutory requirements, including, but not limited to, unexplained delays in postal service.

Sincerely,


Martha Demeritt
PAC Registrar

Enc.: PAC Penalty Matrix & Billing Statement

OFFICE LOCATED AT: 242 STATE STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE
WEBSITE: WWW.MAINE.GOV/ETHICS

PHONE: (207) 287-4179

FAX: (207) 287-6775



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The Commission staff has made a preliminary determination, based upon the application of the statutory formula that a penalty of \$105.70 applies for the late filing of your October Quarterly report. If you agree with this preliminary determination, please make your check or money order in that amount payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine," and send it, along with the bottom half of this letter, to the **Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, 135 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333**, within 30 days of the date noted above. Please see the instructions included in the attached letter if you would like the Commission to make a final determination of any penalty to be assessed in this case.

Failure to pay the full amount of an assessed penalty is a civil violation. The Commission is required to report to the Attorney General the name of any person who fails to pay the full amount of any penalty.

Please direct any questions you may have about this matter to the Commission at 287-4179.

Cut Along Dotted Line

To: Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
 135 State House Station
 Augusta, Maine 04333

For Office Use Only Account: CGEEP Fund: 010 Appr: 01
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From: Jeremy Collette, Treasurer
 Opportunity Maine

RE: Penalty for late filing of October Quarterly 2006 Report (\$105.70)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check/M.O. No.: # _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE LOCATED AT: 242 STATE STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE
 WEBSITE: WWW.MAINE.GOV/ETHICS

October Quarterly

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES

PENALTY MATRIX FOR LATE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT FILINGS

BASIS FOR PENALTIES
21-A M.R.S.A. Section 1062-A

The penalty for filing a required report late is a percentage of the total contributions or expenditures for the filing period, whichever is greater, multiplied by the number of calendar days the report is filed late, as follows:

- For the first violation, 1%
 For the second violation, 3%
 For the third and each subsequent violation, 5%

Example: The treasurer files the PACs report two (2) calendar days late. The PAC has not had any previous late filings in the past 2 years. The PAC reports a total of \$2,500 in contributions and \$1,500 in expenditures for the filing period. The penalty is calculated as follows:

\$2,500 Greater of the amount of total contributions received or expenditures made during the filing period.

X .01 Percent prescribed for first violation

\$25.00 One percent of total contributions

X 2 Number of calendar days late

\$50.00 Total penalty Commission may assess

Your penalty is calculated as follows:

Contributions/Expenditures \$ 10,570.13

Percent prescribed: X 1%

\$ 105.70

Number of days late: X 1

Total penalty accrued: \$ 105.70

* A penalty begins to accrue at 5:00 p.m. on the day the report is due.

Any penalty of less than \$5 is waived.

Violations accumulate on reports with filing deadlines in a 2-year period that begins on January 1st of each even-numbered year. Waiver of a penalty does not nullify the finding of a violation.

Title 21-A M.R.S.A. Section 1004-A(1) states the Commission may assess a penalty of no more than \$100 when a person files a late campaign finance report containing no contributions or expenditures.

MAXIMUM PENALTIES
21-A M.R.S.A. Section 1062-A (4)

\$10,000 for 6-day pre-election reports, 42-day post-election reports, and 24-Hour reports;
 \$5,000 for quarterly reports.



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REPORT TYPE	REPORTING PERIOD	DUE DATE	DATE FILED	STATUS	LAST MODIFIED
PAC Registration	1/1/2006 to 12/31/2006		10/10/2006	Filed	10/10/2006 2:40 p.m. EST
April Quarterly	1/6/2006 to 4/10/2006				
6-Day Pre-Primary	4/1/2006 to 6/1/2006	6/7/2006	06/16/2006	Filed	06/16/2006 4:12 p.m. EST
42-Day Post-Primary	6/2/2006 to 7/18/2006	7/25/2006	07/25/2006	Filed	07/25/2006 2:26 p.m. EST
October Quarterly	7/19/2006 to 9/30/2006	10/10/2006	10/10/2006	Filed	10/10/2006 5:07 p.m. EST
6-Day Pre-General	10/1/2006 to 10/26/2006	11/1/2006			
42-Day Post-General	10/27/2006 to 12/12/2006	12/19/2006			
January Quarterly	12/13/2006 to 1/5/2007	1/16/2007			
PAC Termination	1/1/2006 to 12/31/2006				

Candidate PACS - 24-Hr Report of Late Contributions and Expenditures N/A MULTIPLE

Ballot PACS - 24-Hr Report of Late Contributions and Expenditures N/A MULTIPLE

OPPORTUNITY MAINE

Name of PAC

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Date Submitted

**SCHEDULE F
SUMMARY SECTION**

RECEIPTS

THIS PERIOD ONLY

- 1. Contributions Received (Schedule A, Line 4)
- 2. Other Receipts (interest income, etc.)
- 3. Loans Received (Schedule D)
- 4. TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (Lines 1 + 2 + 3)

	1,600.00
	0.00
	8,970.13
	10,570.13

EXPENDITURES

THIS PERIOD ONLY

- 5. Contributions to or on behalf of others (Schedule B, Line 3)
- 6. Operating Expenses (Schedule B-1, Line 3)
- 7. Loan Repayments Made (Schedule D)
- 8. TOTAL EXPENDITURES THIS PERIOD (Lines 5 + 6 + 7)

	0.00
	10,003.83
	0.00
	10,003.83

CASH BALANCE

- 9. Account Balance from last reporting period (Line 12 of previous report)
- 10. Plus total receipts this period (Line 4 above)
- 11. Less total expenditures this period (Line 8 above)
- 12. TOTAL funds on hand at close of reporting period
(This should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance)

	0.00
	10,570.13
	10,003.83
	566.30

IN-KIND SUMMARY

Fair Market Value Totals

- Total In-Kind Contributions this period (Schedule C)
- Total In-Kind Expenditures this period (Schedule C)

	0.00
	0.00

Title 21-A, §1062-A, Failure to file on time

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§1062-A. Failure to file on time

1. Registration. A political action committee required to register under section 1053 that fails to do so in accordance with section 1053 or that fails to provide the information required by the commission for registration may be assessed a forfeiture of \$250. [1995, c. 483, §21 (new).]

2. Campaign finance reports. A campaign finance report is not timely filed unless a properly signed copy of the report, substantially conforming to the disclosure requirements of this subchapter, is received by the commission before 5 p.m. on the date it is due. Except as provided in subsection 6, the commission shall determine whether a required report satisfies the requirements for timely filing. The commission may waive a penalty if it is disproportionate to the level of experience of the person filing the report or to the harm suffered by the public from the late disclosure. The commission may waive the penalty in whole or in part if the commission determines the failure to file a timely report was due to mitigating circumstances. For purposes of this section, "mitigating circumstances" means:

A. A valid emergency of the committee treasurer determined by the commission, in the interest of the sound administration of justice, to warrant the waiver of the penalty in whole or in part; [1999, c. 729, §9 (amd).]

B. An error by the commission staff; or [1999, c. 729, §9 (amd).]

 C. Other circumstances determined by the commission that warrant mitigation of the penalty, based upon relevant evidence presented that a bona fide effort was made to file the report in accordance with the statutory requirements, including, but not limited to, unexplained delays in postal service. [1999, c. 729, §9 (new).]
[2003, c. 628, Pt. A, §7 (amd).]

3. Basis for penalties. The penalty for late filing of a report required under this subchapter is a percentage of the total contributions or expenditures for the filing period, whichever is greater, multiplied by the number of calendar days late, as follows:

A. For the first violation, 1%; [1995, c. 483, §21 (new).]

B. For the 2nd violation, 3%; and [1995, c. 483, §21 (new).]

C. For the 3rd and subsequent violations, 5%. [1995, c. 483, §21 (new).]

Any penalty of less than \$5 is waived.

Violations accumulate on reports with filing deadlines in a 2-year period that begins on January 1st of each even-numbered calendar year. Waiver of a penalty does not nullify the finding of a violation.

A report required to be filed under this subchapter that is sent by certified or registered United States mail and postmarked at least 2 days before the deadline is not subject to penalty.

A required report may be provisionally filed by transmission of a facsimile copy of the duly executed report to the commission, as long as an original of the same report is received by the commission within 5 calendar days thereafter. [1995, c. 483, §21 (new).]

4. Maximum penalties. The maximum penalties under this subchapter are \$10,000 for reports required under section 1059, subsection 2, paragraphs B, C and E and \$5,000 for reports required under section 1059, subsection 2, paragraph A.

Title 21-A, §1062-A, Failure to file on time

[1995, c. 483, §21 (new).]

5. Request for a commission determination. Within 3 days following the filing deadline, a notice must be forwarded to the principal officer and treasurer of the political action committee whose report is not received by 5 p.m. on the deadline date, informing them of the basis for calculating penalties under subsection 3 and providing them with an opportunity to request a commission determination. The notice must be sent by certified United States mail. A request for determination must be made within 10 calendar days of receipt of the commission's notice. The 10-day period during which a determination may be requested begins on the day a recipient signs for the certified mail notice of the proposed penalty. If the certified letter is refused or left unclaimed at the post office, the 10-day period begins on the day the post office indicates it has given first notice of a certified letter. A principal officer or treasurer requesting a determination may either appear in person or designate a representative to appear on the principal officer's or treasurer's behalf or submit a notarized written explanation of the mitigating circumstances for consideration by the commission.

[1995, c. 483, §21 (new).]

6. Final notice of penalty. After a commission meeting, notice of the final determination of the commission and the penalty, if any, imposed pursuant to this subchapter must be sent to the principal officer and the treasurer of the political action committee.

If no determination is requested, the commission staff shall calculate the penalty based on the provision of subsection 3 and shall mail final notice of the penalty to the principal officer and to the treasurer of the political action committee. A detailed summary of all notices must be provided to the commission.

[1999, c. 426, §34 (amd).]

7. List of late-filing committees. The commission shall prepare a list of the names of political action committees that are late in filing a report required under section 1059, subsection 2, paragraph B, subparagraph (1), section 1059, subsection 2, paragraph C or D or section 1059, subsection 3-A, paragraph B or C within 30 days of the date of the election and shall make that list available for public inspection.

[1995, c. 483, §21 (new).]

8. Failure to file. A person who fails to file a report as required by this subchapter within 30 days of the filing deadline is guilty of a Class E crime, except that, if a penalty pursuant to subsection 8-A is assessed and collected by the commission, the State may not prosecute a violation under this subsection.

[2003, c. 628, Pt. A, §8 (amd).]

8-A. Penalties for failure to file report. The maximum penalty for failure to file a report required under section 1059, subsection 2, paragraph B, C or E is \$10,000. The maximum penalty for failure to file a report required under section 1059, subsection 2, paragraph A is \$5,000.

[2003, c. 628, Pt. A, §9 (new).]

9. Enforcement. The commission staff has the responsibility for collecting the full amount of any penalty and has all necessary powers to carry out this responsibility. Failure to pay the full amount of any penalty levied under this subchapter is a civil violation by the political action committee and its treasurer. Thirty days after issuing the notice of penalty, the commission shall report to the Attorney General the name of any political action committee, along with the name of its treasurer, that has failed to pay the full amount of any penalty. The Attorney General shall enforce the violation in a civil action to collect the full outstanding amount of the penalty. This action must be brought in the Superior Court for Kennebec County or the District Court, 7th District, Division of Southern Kennebec.

[1999, c. 426, §34 (amd).]

PL 1995, Ch. 483, §21 (NEW).

PL 1999, Ch. 426, §34 (AMD).

PL 1999, Ch. 729, §9 (AMD).

PL 2003, Ch. 628, §A7-9 (AMD).