



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 7, 2009  
**TO:** Political Committees and Selected Independent Committees  
**FROM:** Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections  
**SUBJECT: FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY - CONTRIBUTION LIMITS UNDER MCFA**

The Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA), MCL 169.252, limits the contributions that Political and Independent Committees can give to candidates. It is important that you are aware of your committee's contribution limits to avoid violations of the MCFA.

Our records indicate that your committee is either a Political Committee or Independent Committee registered under the MCFA that has not yet met the requirements to contribute at the higher contribution limits provided under MCL 169.252.

Given the above, the committee's current contribution limits are as follows:

Statewide Offices:	\$3,400.00
State Senate:	\$1,000.00
State Representative:	\$ 500.00
Local or judicial office with a district population over 250,000:	\$3,400.00
Local or judicial office with a district population of 85,001 – 250,000:	\$1,000.00
Local or judicial office with a district population up to 85,000:	\$ 500.00

The contribution limits are based on the candidate's election cycle.

MCL 169.252 stipulates that a person who knowingly violates the contribution limits is guilty of a misdemeanor. If the violator is an individual, the individual is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both. If the violator is not an individual, the violator is subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000.00.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

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