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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as an official complaint against Tom White's alleged Exploratory Committee. There is reason to believe Tom White has violated Federal Election Law and cited below is evidence for these violations. He is not testing the waters and is clearly a candidate and should thus follow all applicable laws and rules as such.

Tom White has organized an exploratory committee and created a website that can be found here: <http://tomwhite2010.com/>. On every page of the website, it clearly states "Paid for by Tom White for Congress".

Federal Election rules state:

The name of the committee, and statements by committee staff, must not refer to the individual as a candidate. For example, an exploratory committee could not be called "Sam Jones for Congress," which would indicate that Jones had already decided to run for federal office. Instead, the committee could be called "Sam Jones Congressional Exploratory Committee."

The repeated improper use of "Tom White for Congress" is in clear violation of the rules transcribed above.

Furthermore, the nature of Tom White's web site seems to be yet another violation of the FEC rules that state:

Certain activities, however, indicate that the individual has decided to become a candidate and is no longer testing the waters. Campaigning (as opposed to testing the waters) is apparent, for example, when individuals:

- *Make or authorize statements that refer to themselves as candidates ("Smith in 2010" or "Smith for Senate");*
- *Use general public political advertising to publicize their intention to campaign.*

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Tom White's web address alone <http://tomwhite2010.com/> is evidence that he is advocating his candidacy.

Tom White has asked visitors to his website to pledge their vote to him and "to help elect Tom White to Congress". These certainly qualify as activities that indicate he is no longer testing the waters but is in fact campaigning.

The website is covered with the statement "Tom White for Congress" and "Tom White 2010", clearly referring to White as a candidate.

Finally, the webpage is accessible to the general public, is an obvious political advertisement, and asks for visitors on his home page to "Support the Campaign". Tom White has crossed the threshold from exploratory committee into full-blown candidacy. He is long past "testing the waters". He should be properly penalized for these violations and provide the required transparency to the public.

Attached are print-offs from Tom White's website, the proof of his violations. His contact address is:

Tom White for Congress
PO Box 241555
Omaha, NE 68124-1555

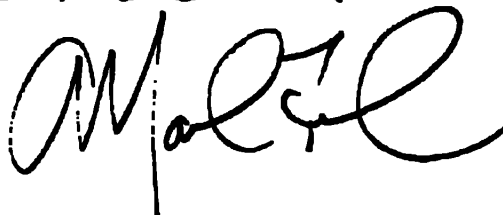
I, Perre S. Neilan, hereby file this complaint and sign this letter under penalty of perjury.



Perre S. Neilan
Executive Director



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Tom White for Congress EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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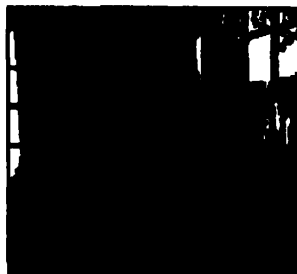
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About Tom

About Tom White

Tom White represents the Omaha neighborhoods of Benson and Dundee in the Nebraska Legislature. A lifelong Nebraskan, Tom and his wife Barb have lived in the same part of Omaha since purchasing their first home over twenty years ago. They have two teenage children: a son, Logan, and a daughter, Reilly. Tom and Barb are members of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church.

Working his way through school by doing construction and warehouse work, Tom graduated from Regis University in 1979 and Creighton School of Law in 1983. Currently a partner with the firm White Wulff & Jorgensen, Tom's legal career has focused on representing working people in issues such as workplace discrimination and civil rights, as well as commercial contract work.



Tom White with his wife Barb and children Reilly and Logan.

A Record of Results for Nebraska's Middle Class

Tom was elected to the Legislature in 2006. He has focused on working with members of both parties for middle class tax relief, job creation, and improving government efficiency and transparency. He has also fought for more state aid for metro-area schools.

As a state Senator, Tom has a proven record of standing up for taxpayers. He only supports balanced budgets that do not contain tax increases. In 2009, he introduced and passed the Taxpayer Transparency Act, which requires the development of a publicly-accessible, nonpolitical website to track all state spending. This essentially puts Nebraska's checkbook online, and will help cut down on wasteful government spending.

He has used his position on the influential Revenue Committee to advocate simplifying the tax code to help Nebraska families, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. He helped repeal the marriage penalty in the state income tax and passed legislation to more than double the tax credit for research and development. He has also worked to reform Nebraska's property tax system to help homeowners.

Tom has a record of finding ways to increase access to affordable healthcare at the state level. In addition to supporting an increase in SCHIP, he introduced and passed a bill to allow so-somethings to stay on their parents' health insurance plans.

He has also been an advocate for the families of military personnel, introducing and passing the Military Family Leave Act in 2017.

Tom currently serves on the Legislature's Executive Board and the Business and Labor, Revenue, Rules and Urban Affairs Committees.

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Omaha, NE 68124-1555

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Contributions are limited to \$2400 per individual per election. The primary and general elections are separate elections, so individuals may give up to a total of \$4800 for both elections.



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MIKE FAHEY

Omaha, Nebraska 68114

July 31, 2009

I am hosting a luncheon to support State Senator Tom White's campaign for Congress. Please join me on August 27th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at my home, located at _____, Omaha.

Tom was elected to the Legislature in 2006. He quickly established himself as a common-sense fiscal centrist, and has an impressive record of legislative achievement. He has used his position on the Legislature's Revenue Committee to advocate for simplifying the tax code to help Nebraska families, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. He helped repeal the marriage penalty in the state income tax and passed legislation to more than double the tax credit for research and development. For more information about Tom, please visit www.TomWhite2010.com.

Tom's campaign has already received significant attention from local and national press and pundits. The D.C. newspaper *Roll Call* dubbed him a "top recruit," and the nonpartisan Cook Political Report recently rated the race one step away from a toss-up. The race is already drawing attention from both national parties.

I am supporting Tom White because he is an independent leader with a record of results. I hope you'll join me by making a contribution of at least \$1,000. Please make your check payable to Tom White for Congress and return it in the enclosed envelope by August 21st.

Thank you again for your support, and I hope to see you on August 27th.

Best personal regards,



Mike Fahey

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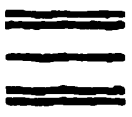
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