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OFFICE OF GENERAL
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Dear Federal Election Commission

I would like to file a formal complaint against Congressman Walt Minnick for possible campaign violations in the misuse of his congressional mailing privileges. I received this flier through a friend and believe that by using his congressional mailing privileges to quote, "This mailing was prepared, published and mailed at taxpayer expense." constitutes a political contribution to his campaign. I therefore raise the following points to be reviewed and ruled on by the Federal Election Commission.

1. Is this in fact a political campaign flier and a personal endorsement by the four constituents on the inside portion of the flier. Since the flier was designed to be separated in the middle by the instructions, "Tear off this card and keep it for easy reference." Does this make it a single document (flier) or two separate documents? If it is separate documents then as a campaign flier it fails to include the required disclaimer for political ads and mailings. This is a violation of FEC campaign laws.
2. If this is seen as a single document, then does the use of Congressman Minnick's congressional staff, use of office facilities and special mailing privileges constitute a violation and misappropriation of government assets for personal campaigning and gain?
3. I have confronted Congressman Minnick in a public meeting on January 30, 2010 on this matter and he clearly stated that he was responsible and his aid handled the mailing and it only cost about \$20,000. This statement too raises questions as the appropriateness of this flier and its legal use. Further does it then require that the cost of the prepared, published and mailing require a disclosure to the FEC?

Since it obviously came from Congressman Minnick's office or campaign committee, I believe that he is and should be held responsible for its use and violations of any FEC or other federal statutes. Congressman Minnick, would therefore be the respondent.

I have attached copies of the flier and retained the original in my files till this matter can be reviewed and ruled on. This I believe is the supporting documentation to my complaint.

Note: I have highlighted in "yellow" the areas I have raised questions on.

Request this complaint be given the earliest possible review and action as this is an election year and Congressman Minnick is the incumbent candidate,

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Sincerely

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This Federal Election Commission complaint was signed, sworn to and notarized
before me on 2 February, 2010.

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Sept. 17, 2013

Notary Public.

Commission exp: *Sept. 17, 2013*



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Is Delivering Results For His Constituents

Minnick Breaks Through Government Bureaucracy

Dear Congressman Minnick,

"I needed medical equipment that was approved by Medicare, yet Medicare wouldn't pay for it. My claim was denied and there was no way I could afford to pay for that equipment out of pocket.

Your office contacted Medicare for me and learned that the doctor's office was using the wrong billing code. It was a simple mistake, but I never could have cut through the bureaucracy and red tape without your help."

— Lynda Gayford,
Meridian

Minnick Delivers For Idaho Veterans

Dear Congressman Minnick,

"I proudly served my country as a member of the Air Force for 23 years. But, I've been fighting to clear up a Defense Department accounting error for the last six years. No matter what I did to resolve the issue, the bureaucracy stood in my way.

Your office cut through the red tape and resolved the issue in days, after I had been struggling since 2002."

— Carl George, Retired Lt. Colonel,
Coeur d'Alene

"Thanks again, Representative Minnick for your intervention. It is reassuring and heartening to know that our elected representatives are eager to intervene so quickly and competently for their constituents."

Minnick Helps Families Make Ends Meet



Congressman Minnick discusses his efforts to get medical benefits for constituent Floyd McPherson.

Dear Congressman Minnick,

"I'm legally blind and can't work anymore. After seeing doctor after doctor who confirmed my diagnosis, the government still refused to pay the money I was owed.

Your office got to the bottom of the issue and within a month I was receiving my monthly payments. Thanks to your help my wife and I are able to make ends meet."

— Floyd and Sheryl McPherson,
Post Falls

Minnick Secures Medicare Benefits

AMERICANS
Minnick



Dear Congressman Minnick,

"I have always been healthy and independent, but a spinal injury left me unable to work and without insurance. When I was filing increased medical needs and costs, I looked into claiming my rightful Medicare benefits. I was denied because of a simple clerical error that occurred in 1994. I tried diligently on my own to correct the problem, but without success.

I contacted your office and asked for help. The problem was corrected within days, and I was able to get the care I needed. Your office took up my case and delivered for me when no one else could. I will be forever grateful for your help."

— Todd Swenson,
Bridgeton

Tear off this card and keep it for easy reference.

My Office Is Here To Serve You.

If I can be of help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

—Walt Minnick

If you have a question about services available to you or if there's an issue you'd like to talk with me about, contact any of my offices.

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If you'd like to know when I will be in your area or would like updates on my work in Idaho and Washington, D.C., please sign up for my newsletter at Minnick.house.gov.



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