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**September 26, 2017** 

Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463.

Dear Office of General Counsel,

I am writing to file an official complaint against Congressional candidate Ryan Edward Mackenzie. Ryan Mackenzie filed his FEC paperwork on 9/12/2017 and is an officially declared candidate for the 15th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Ryan Mackenzie also is a State Representative in Pennsylvania with a state political action committee. On Thursday September 22, 2017 Ryan Mackenzie hosted a political gathering where the materials, mailing, food, venue and every cost associated with the event was paid for by his state political action committee, Citizens for Mackenzie, which can accept unlimited soft money per Pennsylvania state campaign finance law. However, the candidate used that event to kick off his Congressional race and included in this complaint is a video of the candidate directly saying at this is event that they are using it to "kickoff his Congressional campaign" and then directs people at the end of his speech to sign up for his Congressional campaign, get materials and engage in fundraising for his Congressional campaign. Enclosed are also the Congressional materials Ryan Mackenzie referenced people to collect and distribute at his state PAC funded event. The video of the State Representative violating federal law can be found here as well. https://youtu.be/OIZBpNmBYow

First, as a federal candidate, a state officeholder cannot raise funds in amounts greater than the federal limits or from sources prohibited by federal law, and he cannot spend any such funds he raised before he became a federal candidate. In this case, State Rep. Mackenzie's state campaign account was financed and maintained under Pennsylvania's state law, which permits unlimited contributions from

individuals and PACs. As such, it should be off-limits to State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie while he is a federal candidate.

Second, State Rep. Mackenzie's state campaign account now has made an in-kind contribution to his federal congressional campaign. If the value of goods and services the state campaign paid for in connection with the federal campaign kick-off event (and any other in-kind contributions it has made to date) exceeds \$1,000, then federal law requires Rep. Mackenzie's state campaign to register with the FEC as a federal political committee, report information about its receipts and disbursements, and abide by federal amount limitations and source prohibitions in its fundraising.

Find that State Rep. Ryan Edward Mackenzie illegally spent funds that were raised by his state campaign account in excess of the federal limits on contributions from individuals, in violation of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act's soft money ban, and order his state campaign to register as a federal PAC, file FEC reports as required by law, and abide by federal amount limitations and source prohibitions in all its future fundraising. And lastly to investigate the full extent of Rep. Ryan Mackenzie's use of state campaign funds to unlawfully subsidize his campaign for Congress.

Respectfully, John Q. Baran

Name

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**Address** 

Coopersburg P. 18036

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THIS 25 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 261

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### - Ryan Mackenzie

State Representative, 134th Legislative District

Deputy Majority Whip | Deputy Chair, Majority Policy Committee

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Member, Environmental Resources & Energy Committee | Member, Insurance Committee

Thursday, September 21st 5:30pm to 7:30pm Carmel Kitchen – Allentown 3750 Hamilton Blvd

Finance Committee: \$100
Host Committee: \$50
Attendee(s): \$25 / individual or couple



Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 19th | 484.575.1872 | info@RyanForPA.com Citizens for Mackenzie | 3620 Lincoln Avenue | Allentown, PA 18103

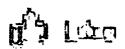
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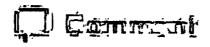
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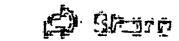
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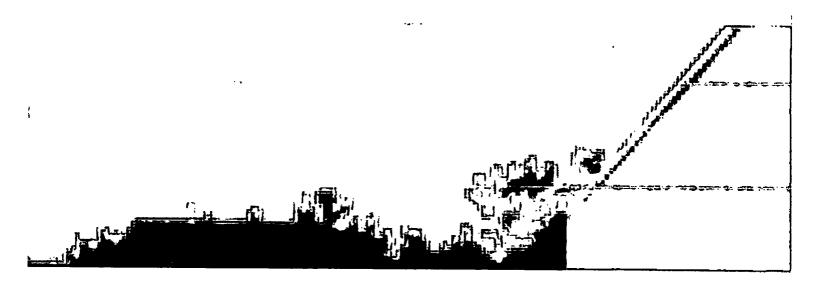


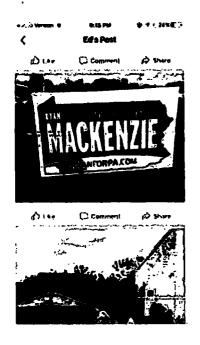














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I will always work to reform government so that businesses can create more jobs, individuals are burdened with fewer taxes, and government spends within its means.

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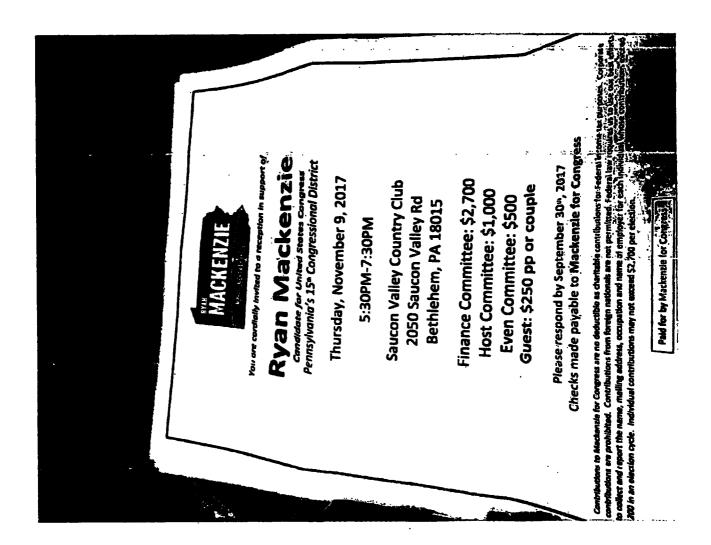
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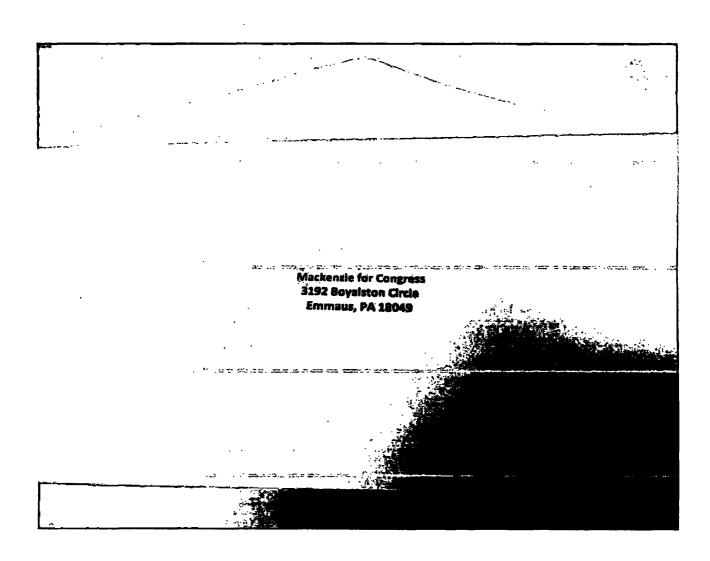
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Candidate for United States Congress
Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District

Thursday, November 9, 2017

5:30PM-7:30PM

Saucon Valley Country Club 2050 Saucon Valley Rd Bethlehem, PA 18015

Finance Committee: \$2,700

Host Committee: \$1,000

**Even Committee: \$500** 

Guest: \$250 pp or couple

Please respond by September 30th, 2017 Checks made payable to Mackenzie for Congress

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