



WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL
DIRECTOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN & POLITICAL FINANCE

ONE ASHBURTON PLACE, ROOM 411
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108

TEL: (617) 979-8300
(800) 462-OCPF
FAX: (617) 727-6549

May 27, 2025

Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Ferrante Committee
11 ½ Proctor Street
Gloucester, MA 01930

Re: CPF-25-34

Dear Representative Ferrante:

This office has completed its analysis of the Ferrante Committee's (the "Committee's") campaign finance reports for the period July 2024 through February 2025. As a result of this review, we have concluded that the Committee did not comply with the Massachusetts campaign finance law, M.G.L. c. 55.

1. Late Disclosure of Credit Card Expenditure Activity

A political committee organized on behalf of a depository candidate, that maintains and uses a credit card in accordance with M.G.L. c. 55, § 9, must file reports in a timely manner to disclose all campaign finance activity using the card. See 970 CMR 2.09(3)(h)(2). Between July 2024 and November 2024, the Committee made five payments totaling \$29,301.20 for charges to the Committee's credit card account. However, the detailed credit card reports were not filed by the Committee until April 2025. The credit card reports also disclosed seven personal expenditures totaling \$179 that were inadvertently made using the credit card. The candidate personally reimbursed the Committee for the expenditures on April 22, 2025.

2. Excess Lobbyist Contributions

A legislative agent or executive agent (lobbyist) can contribute an aggregate of \$200 in a calendar year to a candidate's committee. See M.G.L. c. 55, § 7A. Our review determined that in 2024 the Committee received a total of \$1,025 in excess contributions from five lobbyists. To resolve the matter, the Committee purged the sum of \$1,025 to the Commonwealth on February 28, 2025.



3. Late Disclosure of Reimbursement Activity

A committee must file a reimbursement report within 30 days of an underlying purchase. See 970 CMR 2.10(7). On July 30, 2024, the Committee made two reimbursements to an individual totaling \$410.50 for various campaign expenditures that were made outside the Committee's depository bank account. Although the reimbursements were included in the quarterly report, the Committee did not file reimbursement reports until February 24, 2025 and April 22, 2025 to disclose the underlying expenditure activity for these payments.

4. Late Clarification of Expenditures

The campaign finance law requires political committees to file timely and accurate campaign finance reports that accurately reflect financial activity, which includes providing the payee name and the purpose information for all expenditures over \$50. See M.G.L. c. 55, §§ 18 and 19. During the course of audit, OCPF noted the Committee did not timely clarify expenditures totaling approximately \$22,000. As a result of this review, the Committee appended its bank reports to clarify the expenditures.

The delay in filing required reports frustrates the public's interest in accurate and timely disclosure of campaign finance activity during the relevant periods. Because appropriate remedial actions have taken place as outlined above, OCPF has determined that no further action is warranted at this time. However, further instances of noncompliance with the campaign finance law may result in referral to the Attorney General in accordance with Section 3 of the campaign finance law. Additionally, the failure to file a campaign finance report in the future may result in OCPF initiating legal proceedings that could prevent your name from appearing on a state or local ballot in Massachusetts. See M.G.L. c. 55, § 3.

In accordance with a ruling by the Supervisor of Public Records, this letter and all related correspondence is a matter of public record. As such, it will be placed in the Committee's public file. If you have any questions regarding this or any other campaign finance matter, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

William C. Campbell
Director

WCC/mj

cc: Jonathan Daigle, Treasurer
Ferrante Committee