

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Ax the Tax**

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**Case No.: FEC 16-153**

**TO:** Ax the Tax  
Doug Guetzloe, Chair (Deceased)

Division of Elections  
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **March 13, 2018 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 103, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.**

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*Amy McKeever Toman*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 26, 2018

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# Doug Guetzloe, conservative political consultant, dead at 63



Doug Guetzloe in 2011. (Ricardo Ramirez Buxeda / Orlando Sentinel) (Ricardo Ramirez Buxeda)

By Paul Brinkmann and Ryan Gillespie

Orlando Sentinel

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**D**oug Guetzloe, a controversial and influential conservative political consultant in Central Florida for decades, died Tuesday, his family confirmed.

He was 63.

The family was together Tuesday celebrating his daughter's 21st birthday when Guetzloe died unexpectedly, said his wife, Stacey Guetzloe. She did not reveal the cause.

Guetzloe was best known for creating a tax watchdog group, Ax the Tax, and as a founder of the Tea Party movement in Florida.

"We've been on the same side, and opposite sides of issues. I always appreciated his dedication and tenacity, and I believe he was looking out for the best interests of taxpayers, and a patriot," said Dominic Calabro,

president and CEO of Florida Taxwatch.

Guetzloe grew up in the metro Tampa area and moved to Central Florida in 1979 after graduating from Florida State University. Soon after, he built a reputation for fighting tax increases, said longtime friend Roger Williams.

“Doug was always a champion for the underdog,” Williams said. “He relished challenging the power structure.”

A Sentinel profile on Guetzloe from 2006 said he had a sharp sense of humor, an acerbic tongue and a populist message. He built Ax the Tax into a small but highly motivated grassroots force in counties, which fought taxes to pay for environmental lands, schools and roads as well as plans for light rail, commuter rail and more.

One of the biggest impacts he had was on Orlando’s 2003 Mobility 20/20 referendum, which was defeated in a referendum by 54 percent to 46 percent. It would have raised the sales tax by a half-percent to pay for road and rail projects starting in 2007. Instead, SunRail didn’t arrive until 2014, and Central Florida’s ongoing Ultimate I-4 project didn’t get started until 2015.

“If you vote yes on Mobility 20/20, you’re going to get toll lanes, and you’re looking at writing a blank check in the future for light rail,” Guetzloe said before the 2003 vote. But supporters said the tax would not pay for the I-4 toll lanes and that light rail was only one option for mass transit being considered at the time.

His wife said he was most proud of the Mobility 20/20 vote.

“It was a huge victory over [the] establishment,” she said.

Guetzloe also had for years an Internet radio talk show, the Guetzloe Report, on the Phoenix Network.

Controversy followed Guetzloe over payments that local companies made to him to avoid his anti-tax campaigns. For example, in 2006, the Orlando Sentinel reported that an Orlando Magic executive confirmed that the team had paid Guetzloe \$200,000 to keep him from launching a campaign to kill a tax increase for a new arena and other major projects.

Guetzloe was jailed for 60 days on charges that he violated campaign laws by not disclosing who paid for certain political materials. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison in 2012 on tax evasion charges and served about a year of that.

After he got out of prison, he resumed his political consulting career.

First Presbyterian Church Pastor David Swanson said Guetzloe would have been the first to admit he was far from perfect.

“That’s why his faith was so important to him. He knew God’s grace and love, imperfections and all. Doug was a deeply faithful Christian man, one committed to his wife and family, and one I always found to be warm and affable,” Swanson said.

A funeral is planned 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, 106 E. Church St., Swanson said.

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## *Committee Tracking System*

### **Ax the Tax**

**Type:**Political Committee

**Status:**Revoked

**Address:**Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, FL 32853

**Phone:**(407)312-1781

**Chairperson:**Doug Guetzloe

**Treasurer:**Doug Guetzloe

**Registered Agent:**Douglas M. Guetzloe  
750 South Orlando Avenue  
Suite 202  
Winter Park, FL 327890000

**Purpose:**

**Taxes**

Tax Reform

**Affiliations:**

**Business/Corporation**

Ax the Tax, Inc.

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF  
ELECTIONS,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Petitioner,

v.

AX THE TAX (38121),

Final Order No. DOS 18- 3 DE

Respondent.

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**FINAL ORDER**

The Division of Elections, Florida Department of State (the "Division") having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and rules promulgated thereunder, hereby enters its Final Order of Cancellation canceling the registration of AX THE TAX (the "Respondent") as a political committee in the State of Florida. The Division, being fully advised as to the premises, finds and orders as follows:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a registered political committee but not for the sole purpose of seeking signatures of registered electors in support of an initiative. The Respondent's registration number is 38121.

2. On December 4, 2017, the Division mailed an Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference) to the most recent addresses on file for the Respondent's chairperson and registered agent. The notice stated that Respondent has unpaid civil penalties in the amount of \$34,000.00 imposed under Chapter 106, Florida Statutes (attached and

incorporated by reference). The Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration informed Respondent of the opportunity to provide documentation to the Division to show why the Respondent's registration should not be canceled.

3. On December 15, 2017, the Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration mailed to the Respondent's registered agent's most recent address of record was returned as undeliverable. (Attached and incorporated by reference.)

4. The Respondent's registered agent's most recent address of record has not changed since the Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration was mailed on December 4, 2017.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5. As provided in Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, the Division is the agency having jurisdiction to administer and enforce the provisions of the section.

6. Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, establishes procedures for the Division to dissolve and cancel the registration of a political committee. Subsection (2)(g) mandates the filing officer to cancel the registration when the committee "has an unpaid fine or civil penalty imposed under Chapter 106, F.S., which has become final, meaning all appeals regarding the imposition of the fine or civil penalty have been exhausted or the time for such appeals has passed."


#### **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing and a complete review of the record, it is ORDERED that the Respondent's registration as a political committee with the Department of State, Division of



Elections, is hereby CANCELED pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018

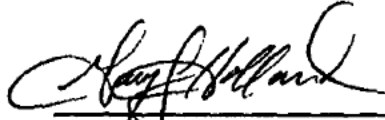
  
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Mada I. Matthews, Director  
Division of Elections

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

This Order constitutes final agency action. Judicial review of this proceeding may be instituted by filing a notice of appeal, with the filing fee prescribed by law in the District Court of Appeal, pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and a copy with the clerk of the Department of State. Such notice must be filed within 30 calendar days of the date this order is filed in the official records of the Department of State as indicated in the Certificate of Service. Review proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order was hand-delivered to the Agency Clerk, Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order was mailed on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2018, by certified U.S. mail to Douglas M. Guetzloe, Ax the Tax, 750 South Orlando Avenue, Suite 202, Winter Park, Florida 32789.



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ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 16-153**

**v.**

**Ax the Tax,  
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**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 28, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On August 2, 2017, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

**Count 1:**

On or about March 10, 2016, Ax the Tax violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 M2 Report.

**Count 2:**


On or about April 11, 2016, Ax the Tax violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing

officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 M3 Report.

**Count 3:**

On or about May 10, 2016, Ax the Tax violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 M4 Report.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on November 28, 2017.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Cole H. Kekelis, Assistant General Counsel  
Ax the Tax, Respondent  
Division of Elections, Complainant

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING**

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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**TO:** Ax the Tax  
Doug Guetzloe, Chair  
1808 Antiqua Drive  
Orlando, FL 32806-1507

Division of Elections  
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)**

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The Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street  
Suite 224, Collins Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

RE: Douglas M. Guetzloe; Ax the Tax

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

My name is Victoria Hill and for the past ten (10) years I have filed the Ax the Tax campaign reports. I have missed many reports for various personal reasons, but I alone am responsible for the filing of the Ax the Tax campaign reports and waivers.

It has come to my attention that the Commission has been levying tens of thousands of dollars against Mr. Doug Guetzloe, the Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Guetzloe has, never, ever, been aware of the current campaign reporting requirements since the Department began electronic filings.

Mr. Guetzloe entrusted me to maneuver the difficult system of filings and he has never been involved in that.

The Ax the Tax committee has not collected any funds since I have been doing their reports and waivers should be recorded for all missing reports.

I regret that I have been unable, for a variety of personal reasons, to keep up with the filings and I wanted the commission to know that Mr. Guetzloe is not, nor has he ever, been responsible for the filings or lack thereof.

Sincerely,

Victoria Hill

*Victoria Hill*  
5407 Marion City Rd  
Weirsdale, FL 32195

\* See attached Notary acknowledgment  
Dated Oct 6, 2017



**FLORIDA SHORT-FORM INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
F.S. 695.25

State of Florida

County of Sumter

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged  
before me this 6 day

of October, 2017  
Month Year

by Victoria Hill  
Name of Person Acknowledging

who is personally known to me or who  
has produced Florida  
Driver Lic.  
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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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**Case No.: FEC 16-153**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION**

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on June 28, 2017, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On June 16, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”), alleging that Ax the Tax (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form (“DS-DE 6”) appointing Doug Guetzloe as the Committee’s treasurer was filed with the Division on February 26, 2004. Mr. Guetzloe is also Respondent’s chairperson. (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated June 9, 2017, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2016 M2
- 2016 M3
- 2016 M4

4. By letter dated February 28, 2004, Phyllis Hampton, Division of Elections, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent’s chairman a letter acknowledging that the Division had received Respondent’s Statement of Organization and DS-DE 6 forms. The acknowledgment letter referenced enclosed copies of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the Handbook for Committees, and the Handbook for Treasurers. (ROI Exhibit 2)

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<sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

5. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the political committee is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

6. The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division that no report is being filed. The user's guide instructs political committees to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled "Waiver" to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 3)

7. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1)

<b>Report</b>	<b>Report Cover Period</b>	<b>Date Notification Due</b>	<b>Date Notification Filed</b>	<b>No. of Days Late</b>
2016 M2	02/01 – 02/29/16	03/10/16	03/25/16	15
2016 M3	03/01 – 03/31/16	04/11/16	04/15/16	4
2016 M4	04/01 – 04/30/16	05/10/16	05/13/16	3

8. Respondent was offered multiple opportunities to respond to Commission staff's investigation, but did not do so. Respondent's chairman did not return telephone calls placed by Commission staff in attempts to interview him.

9. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

10. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2016 M2, 2016 M3, and 2016 M4.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

**Count 1:**

On or about March 10, 2016, Ax the Tax violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 M2 Report.

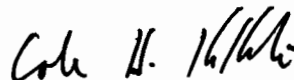
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**Count 3:**

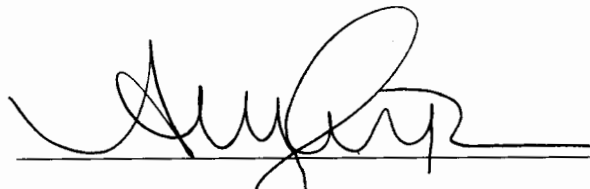
On or about May 10, 2016, Ax the Tax violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 M4 Report.

Respectfully submitted on August 2, 2017,



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Cole H. Kekelis  
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 1st day of August 2017.



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Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer**

<p><b>Case Number</b> FEC 16-153</p> <p>Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed.</p>	<p><b>Respondent:</b> Ax the Tax</p> <p><b>Complainant:</b> Division of Elections</p> <p><b>Respondent Type:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political Committee</p>
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**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on February 26, 2004. (Ex. 1)
2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on February 28, 2004 advising Respondent's chairman that Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as well as the Handbook for Committees, was included. (Ex. 2)
3. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 3)
4. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2015, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on Page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on Page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the chairman/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on Pages 45 and 46.

**II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:**

5. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex. 4)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2016 M2	02/01 – 02/29/16	03/10/16	03/25/16	15
2016 M3	03/01 – 03/31/16	04/11/16	04/15/16	4
2016 M4	04/01 – 04/30/16	05/10/16	05/13/16	3

6. Respondent did not provide a written response to the referral.
7. During the course of the investigation, I reviewed Respondent's previous filing history for the end of the 2015 calendar year and the beginning of the 2016 calendar year. Prior to the 2016 M2 reporting period, Respondent was timely with notifications of no activity for the two previous reporting periods. (Ex. 4)

**III. FEC History:**

8. Respondent has had multiple cases before the Commission.

**Conclusion:**

9. I attempted to contact Respondent's chairman on several occasions to give him an opportunity to discuss the allegations in the referral. As of the date of this report, he has not returned my calls<sup>1</sup>.

10. Because the chairman has not contacted the Commission or returned a questionnaire-affidavit, I am unable to ascertain whether he has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*.

**SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:** Kelli Smith **Date:** 06/28/17

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<sup>1</sup> In a number of recent cases involving Respondent, (FEC 16-008, FEC 15-402, FEC 15-177 & FEC 14-146), Respondent's chairman has not returned any questionnaire-affidavits nor did he respond to any of the attempted telephone contacts.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Ax the Tax -- FEC 16-153**

<b>LIST OF EXHIBITS</b>	
<b>Exhibits #s</b>	<b>Description of Exhibits</b>
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6 form
Exhibit 2	Division's acknowledgment ltr
Exhibit 3	Pages from <i>Political Committee EFS User's Guide</i>
Exhibit 4	Respondent's filing history

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES**  
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:**

Original Appointment     Deputy Treasurer     Reappointment of Treasurer     Secondary Depository

1. Committee Name <b>Ax the Tax</b>	2. Mailing Address <b>3101 Maguire Blvd., Ste. 161, Orlando, FL 32803</b>
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Telephone (optional) <b>(407) 895-0077</b>	3. City <b>Orlando</b>	4. County <b>Orange</b>	5. State <b>FL</b>	6. Zip Code <b>32803</b>
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The following person has been appointed to serve as  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer    for the above named committee.

7. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer <b>Doug Guetzloe</b>	8. Street Address <b>3101 Maguire Blvd., Suite 161</b>
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9. City <b>Orlando</b>	10. County <b>Orange</b>	11. State <b>FL</b>	12. Zip Code <b>32803</b>
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I have designated the following named bank as my  Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

13. Bank Name (include account number) <b>First Commercial Bank of Florida</b>	14. Street Address <b>945 S. Orange Avenue</b>
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15. City <b>Orlando</b>	16. County <b>Orange</b>	17. State <b>FL</b>	18. Zip Code <b>32806</b>
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19. Name of Chairman <b>Doug Guetzloe</b>	20. Signature of Chairman <b>X <i>Doug Guetzloe</i></b>
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**Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment**

I, **Doug Guetzloe**, do hereby accept the appointment as  
(Please Print or Type)

Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer    for the **Ax the Tax**

Committee. As a duly registered voter in **Orange** County, Florida, I am qualified to accept this appointment.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

**EXHIBIT**

**2/16/04**

Date

**X *Doug Guetzloe***  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Glenda E. Hood**  
Secretary of State  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

February 28, 2004

Mr. Doug Guetzloe, Chairperson  
Ax the Tax  
3101 Maguire Boulevard, Suite 161  
Orlando, FL 32803

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:

We have received the Statement of Organization, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer, and Designation of Campaign Depository for Ax the Tax as a political committee. This information was placed on file in our office on February 26, 2004.

This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been included on our committee list as a committee that supports issues.

Listed below is the identification number associated with your committee. Please use this number when submitting your reports so they may be processed in a more timely and efficient manner.

**Identification Number: 38121**

Enclosed is a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, along with a Handbook for Committees, Handbook for Treasurers, Campaign Treasurer's Report Forms and 2004 Election Calendar of Reporting Dates.

Attached is a copy of the electronic filing information along with a list of vendors you may contact to obtain software that can assist you with the filing of your campaign treasurer's reports. A magnetic diskette of the itemized information required by Chapter 106, F.S., must be filed with the Division of Elections (along with an original hard copy of the Summary Sheet [Form DS DE 2]).

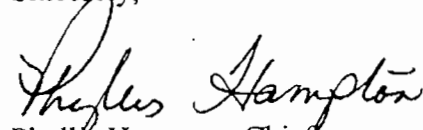
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Mr. Doug Guetzloe, Chairperson  
February 28, 2004  
Page Two

**Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due April 12, 2004.** Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine is \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. A report which is postmarked by midnight of the due date is considered timely filed.

If you have any questions, or if we may of further assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to contact **Nancy Whitfield at (850) 245-6257.**

Sincerely,

  
Phyllis Hampton, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

PH/nlw

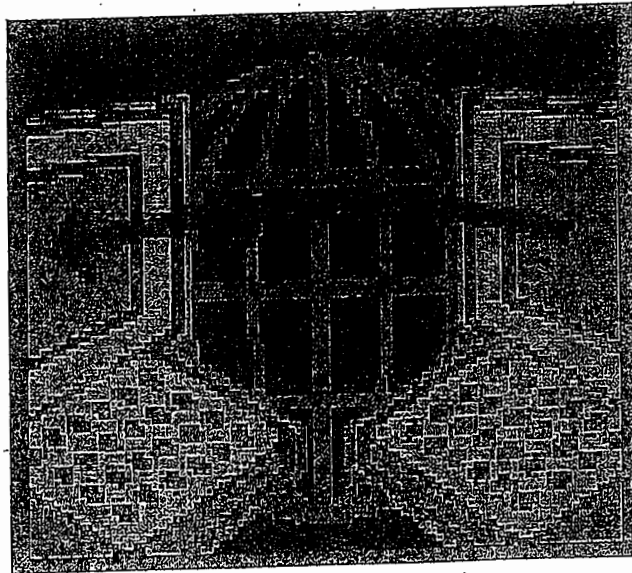
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Department of State  
Division of Elections

# Political Committee EFS User's Guide



Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 S Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

January 2011

Rule 1S-2.017, F.A.C.

EXHIBIT

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DS-DE 110B (eff. 01/11)

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# Create a New Report by Data Entry

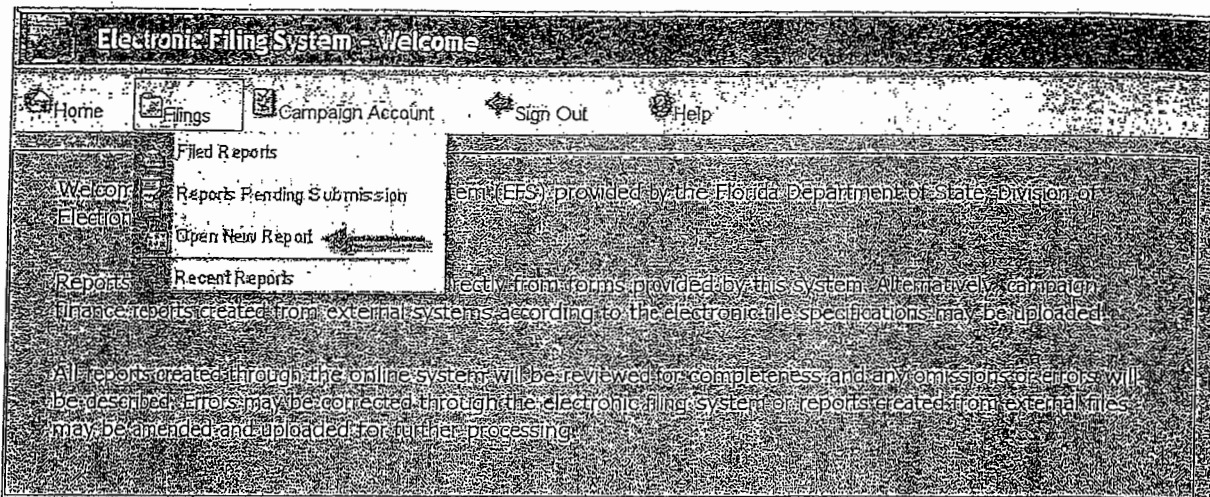
From the Welcome screen, click



and then



Open New Report



Use this form to submit an original report or to submit an amendment to a previously filed report. First select the report from the Filed Reports listing and then choose the Amend Report option from the Edit menu item.

**Coverage Periods**  
Campaign finance reports itemize financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting periods declared by first selecting the reporting year, and then the report type, the beginning and ending coverage dates in the filing date of the report are automatically associated with the Reporting Year and Report type.

Election Cycle:

Report type:

Coverage Period:   Due Date:

Special Election Report  Waiver

**Uploading a Campaign Finance Report**  
A Campaign Finance report file meeting the department's specifications may be uploaded at the time a report is opened. Use the Browse button to locate and select the report text or zip file to be uploaded. You may upload the report file in a compressed zip. The zip file must contain only one report file.

Click arrow next to Election Cycle. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click arrow next to Report Type select report type corresponding to the correct cover period and due date.

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

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The Due Date will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

If this report is for a special election, click the  box next to Special Election Report. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the  box next to Waiver.

Click  at the bottom of the screen. A Report Detail screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

Report: 2010 - G4 - 27      2010 General Election      Covers: 10/16/2010-10/28/2010      Due: 10/29/2010

Amendment     Waiver      Complete Status:

File Date:       Review Status:

Status:       Last Review:

# of Transactions:                        

Contributions		Total Amount	Expenditures		Total Amount
Cash and Checks:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Loans:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Transfers to Off. Acct:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Total Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Total Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
In-Kind:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Other Distributions:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>

Review Messages:

Created:     By:     Revised:     By:

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# File the Report

If the **Review Status** is Updated Detail – Needs Review the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 39 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

If the status of the report is Complete Detail Records, you are ready to file the report.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26      2010 General Election      Covers: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010      Due: 8/20/2010

Member     Waiver    Complete Status: **Complete Detail Records**

File Date:     Review Status: **Reviewed**

Status: **Data Entry**    Last Review: **8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM**

of Transactions: **1**    **Review**    **Recalculate**    **Go To File Report**    **Append File**    **Delete Report**    **Save**

Contributions		Total Amount:	Expenditures		Total Amount:
Cash and Checks	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Secretary	<input type="text"/>	\$1.00
Loans	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Transfer to Off/Act	<input type="text"/>	\$1.00
Total Monetary	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Total Monetary	<input type="text"/>	\$1.00
In-Kind	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Other Disburse	<input type="text"/>	\$0.00

Review Message:

Created: 8/19/2010 2:01:35 PM    By: 50552    Reviewed: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM    By: 50552

Click on **Go To File Report**

The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects **Report Approved**

NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report.

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

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Report: 2010 - F3 - 26      Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010      Due: 8/20/2010

Review Status: **Reviewed**       Original     Amended


Waiver

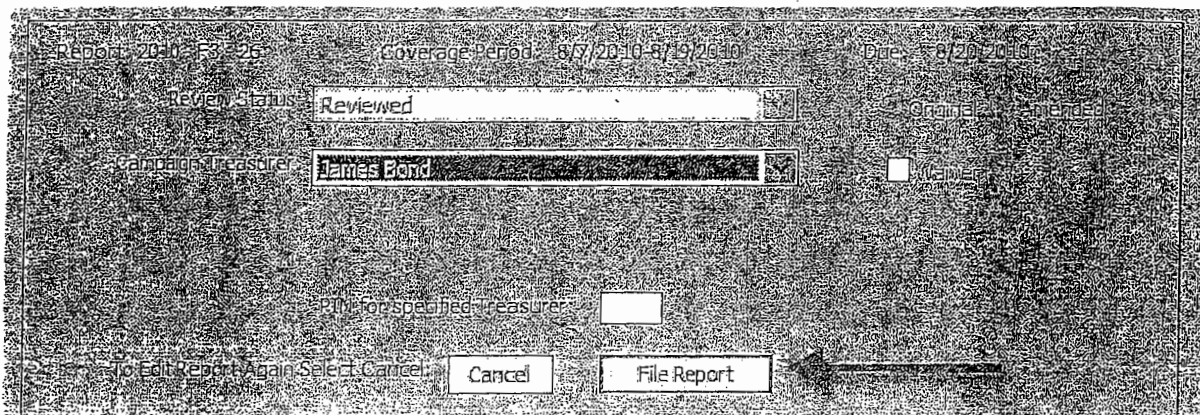
PIN for Candidate/Chairperson:     **Report Approved**

EXHIBIT 3 (506)

If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.



The treasurer enters his PIN and then clicks 



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If changes need to be made after a chairperson PIN is entered, the treasurer must undo the chairperson PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 49 for instructions.

EXHIBIT 3 (606)





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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

**Pol Action Comm**  
Name: Ax the Tax  
Account: 38121

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
6/12/2017	M5	6/7/2017						
6/12/2017	SP1	6/10/2017						
6/12/2017	SP1	6/10/2017						
5/10/2017	M4	5/5/2017						
4/10/2017	M3	4/13/2017	CLO	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/11/2017	M2	3/3/2017						
2/10/2017	M1	2/2/2017						
1/10/2017	M12	1/12/2017	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/12/2016	M11	12/6/2016						
11/4/2016	D6	11/9/2016	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/4/2016	G7	11/9/2016	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/2/2016	D5	11/9/2016	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/1/2016	D4	11/9/2016	CLO	8	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/31/2016	D3	10/30/2016						
10/30/2016	D2	10/30/2016						
10/29/2016	D1	10/30/2016	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2016	G6	10/30/2016	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/21/2016	G5	10/19/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/19/2016	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/7/2016	G3	10/2/2016						
9/30/2016	G2A	9/25/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/19/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/11/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/4/2016						
9/2/2016	P7A	8/27/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/27/2016	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/19/2016	P6	8/15/2016						
8/12/2016	P5	8/10/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/10/2016	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/29/2016	P3	8/10/2016	FEC	12	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/22/2016	P2A	8/10/2016	FEC	19	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/15/2016	P2	8/10/2016	FEC	26	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/8/2016	P1A	8/10/2016	FEC	33	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/1/2016	P1	8/10/2016	CLO	40	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2016	M5	6/8/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/13/2016	FEC	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/11/2016	M3	4/15/2016	FEC	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2016	M2	3/25/2016	FEC	15	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2016	M1	2/7/2016						
1/11/2016	M12	1/7/2016						
12/10/2015	M11	12/25/2015	FEC	15	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/10/2015	M10	11/4/2015						
10/13/2015	M9	10/9/2015						
9/10/2015	M8	9/1/2015						

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8/10/2015	M7	8/6/2015						
7/10/2015	M6	8/6/2015	FOI	27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6/10/2015	M5	6/9/2015						
5/11/2015	M4	6/9/2015	FEC	29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4/17/2015	SG3	5/1/2015	NEN	14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4/10/2015	M3	4/2/2015						
4/10/2015	SG2	4/2/2015						
4/3/2015	SG3	4/2/2015						
3/10/2015	SG2	3/8/2015						
3/10/2015	M2	3/8/2015						
3/10/2015	SG1	3/8/2015						
2/13/2015	SG3	2/12/2015						
2/10/2015	SG1	2/6/2015						
2/10/2015	M1	2/6/2015						
2/6/2015	SP3	2/6/2015						
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1/12/2015	SP2	1/29/2015	CLO	17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1/12/2015	M12	1/14/2015	FOI	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1/9/2015	SG1	1/14/2015	NEN	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12/12/2014	SP4	1/29/2015	CLO	48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12/10/2014	M11	1/14/2015	FOI	35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12/10/2014	SP1	1/29/2015	CLO	50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
12/10/2014	SP1	1/29/2015	CLO	50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11/21/2014	SP3	1/29/2015	CLO	69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11/10/2014	M10	11/3/2014						
11/10/2014	SP2	1/29/2015	CLO	80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/31/2014	G7	11/3/2014	FOI	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/30/2014	D6	11/3/2014	FOI	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/29/2014	D5	11/3/2014	FOI	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/28/2014	D4	11/3/2014	FOI	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/27/2014	D3	11/3/2014	FOI	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/26/2014	D2	11/3/2014	FOI	8	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/25/2014	D1	11/3/2014	FOI	9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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9/12/2014	G1A	9/11/2014						
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8/1/2014	P4	7/31/2014						
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7/11/2014	P2	7/31/2014	FOI	20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
7/4/2014	P1A	7/31/2014	FOI	27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6/27/2014	P1	7/31/2014	FOI	34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6/10/2014	P1	7/31/2014	FOI	51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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5/12/2014	M4	7/31/2014	FOI	80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2014	M3	7/31/2014	FOI	112	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4/4/2014	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	118	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2014	M2	7/31/2014	FOI	143	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/7/2014	SF2	7/31/2014	CLO	146	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/14/2014	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	167	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2014	M1	2/19/2014	FEC	9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2014	M12	1/20/2014	FOI	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12/10/2013	M11	1/20/2014	FOI	41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11/12/2013	M10	11/29/2013	FOI	17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/11/2013	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	293	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/10/2013	Q3	10/22/2013	FOI	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/13/2013	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	321	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/10/2013	Q2	9/2/2013	FEC	54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6/7/2013	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	419	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5/10/2013	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	447	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2013	Q1	5/19/2013	FEC	39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2013	Q4	2/17/2013	CLO	38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11/2/2012	G4	11/11/2012	CLO	9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/19/2012	G3	11/11/2012	CLO	23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/5/2012	G2	11/11/2012	CLO	37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/21/2012	G1	11/11/2012	CLO	51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/14/2012	IR	8/21/2012					
8/14/2012	IR	8/21/2012					
8/10/2012	F3	8/21/2012	CLO	11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/27/2012	F2	8/21/2012	CLO	25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/13/2012	F1	8/21/2012	CLO	39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2012	Q1	5/21/2012	CLO	41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2012	Q4	2/9/2012	CLO	30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/11/2011	Q3	11/10/2011	CLO	30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/16/2011	SF2	7/31/2014	CLO	1049	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/2/2011	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	1063	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/11/2011	Q2	7/18/2011	CLO	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6/24/2011	SG2	7/31/2014	CLO	1133	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2011	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	1147	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5/20/2011	SF2	7/31/2014	CLO	1168	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4/29/2011	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	1189	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4/11/2011	Q1	4/11/2011					
2/25/2011	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	1252	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/4/2011	SF2	7/31/2014	CLO	1273	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/21/2011	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	1287	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2011	Q4	1/10/2011					
10/29/2010	G4	10/28/2010					
10/15/2010	G3	10/15/2010					
10/1/2010	G2	10/2/2010	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/17/2010	G1	9/17/2010					
8/20/2010	F3	8/20/2010					
8/6/2010	F2	8/12/2010	CLO	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/23/2010	F1	7/23/2010					
4/12/2010	Q1	4/12/2010					
4/9/2010	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	1574	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/19/2010	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	1595	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/19/2010	SG2	7/31/2014	CLO	1623	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/5/2010	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	1637	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/22/2010	SF2	7/31/2014	CLO	1651	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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1/11/2010	Q4	1/11/2010						
1/8/2010	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	1665	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/13/2009	Q3	10/12/2009						
10/2/2009	SG2	7/31/2014	CLO	1763	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/25/2009	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	1770	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/18/2009	SG2	7/31/2014	CLO	1777	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/11/2009	SF2	7/31/2014	CLO	1784	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/4/2009	SG1	7/31/2014	CLO	1791	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/28/2009	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	1798	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/21/2009	SF2	7/31/2014	CLO	1805	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/7/2009	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	1819	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/10/2009	Q2	7/10/2009						
6/26/2009	SF2	7/31/2014	CLO	1861	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/12/2009	SF1	7/31/2014	CLO	1875	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2009	Q1	4/13/2009	NEN	3	\$30.25		\$30.25	\$0.00
1/12/2009	Q4	1/6/2009						
10/31/2008	G4	10/31/2008						
10/17/2008	G3	10/16/2008						
10/3/2008	G2	9/27/2008						
9/19/2008	G1	9/18/2008						
8/23/2008	F3	8/24/2008	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/8/2008	F2	8/31/2008	CLO	23	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/25/2008	F1	7/25/2008						
4/10/2008	Q1	4/10/2008						
1/11/2008	SR1	7/31/2014						
1/10/2008	Q4	1/10/2008						
10/10/2007	Q3	10/10/2007						
7/10/2007	Q2	7/10/2007						
4/10/2007	Q1	4/9/2007						
1/10/2007	Q4	1/10/2007						
11/3/2006	G4	11/3/2006						
10/20/2006	G3	10/27/2006	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/6/2006	G2	10/6/2006						
9/22/2006	G1	9/22/2006						
9/1/2006	F3	9/1/2006						
8/18/2006	F2	8/18/2006						
8/4/2006	F1	8/4/2006						
7/10/2006	Q2	7/13/2006	CLO	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2006	Q1	4/7/2006						
1/10/2006	Q4	1/10/2006						
12/31/2005	IR	7/10/2007						
10/11/2005	Q3	10/7/2005						
7/11/2005	Q2	7/8/2005						
4/11/2005	Q1	4/11/2005						
1/10/2005	Q4	1/10/2005						
10/29/2004	G4	10/29/2004						
10/15/2004	G3	10/29/2004	CLO	14	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/15/2004	G2	10/1/2004						
9/17/2004	G1	9/16/2004						
8/27/2004	F3	8/27/2004						
8/13/2004	F2	8/11/2004						
7/30/2004	F1	7/28/2004						
7/12/2004	Q2	7/12/2004						
4/12/2004	Q1	4/7/2004						

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W	10/01/2015 - 10/31/2015						
W	11/01/2015 - 11/30/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2015 - 12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2016 - 01/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2016 - 02/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2016 - 03/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2016 - 04/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2016 - 05/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2016 - 06/24/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/25/2016 - 07/01/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/02/2016 - 07/08/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/09/2016 - 07/15/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/16/2016 - 07/22/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/23/2016 - 07/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/30/2016 - 08/05/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/06/2016 - 08/12/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/13/2016 - 08/25/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/26/2016 - 08/26/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/27/2016 - 09/02/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/03/2016 - 09/09/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/10/2016 - 09/16/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/17/2016 - 09/23/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/24/2016 - 09/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2016 - 10/07/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/08/2016 - 10/14/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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W	10/15/2016 - 10/21/2016						
W	10/22/2016 - 10/28/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/29/2016 - 10/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/30/2016 - 10/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/31/2016 - 10/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2016 - 11/01/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/02/2016 - 11/02/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/22/2016 - 11/03/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/04/2016 - 11/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2016 - 12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2017 - 01/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2017 - 02/28/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2017 - 03/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2017 - 04/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/22/2017 - 06/08/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/08/2017 - 06/08/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<b>All Dates (Totals)</b>	36,699.25	7,141.25	48,394.94	36,404.93	0.00	0.00

Note: (E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and L Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending)

Select Output Type

Display On Screen

Submit Query Now

Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

EXHIBIT

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**


**Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer**

<p><b>Case Number</b> FEC 16-008</p> <p>Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed</p>	<p><b>Respondent:</b> Ax the Tax</p> <p><b>Complainant:</b> Division of Elections</p> <p><b>Respondent Type:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Candidate</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political Committee</p>
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**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on February 26, 2004. (Ex. 1)
2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on February 28, 2004 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)
3. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 3)
4. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2015, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on Page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on Page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the chairman/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on Pages 45 and 46.

**II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:**

5. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex. 4)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2015 M4	4/1/15 – 4/30/15	5/11/15	6/9/15	29
2015 M6	6/1/15 – 6/30/15	7/10/15	8/6/15	27
2015 M11	11/1/15 – 11/30/15	12/10/15	12/25/15	15

6. Respondent did not provide a written response to the referral.
7. Respondent did not return a questionnaire-affidavit nor did he respond to any of the attempted telephone contacts.
8. During the course of the investigation, I reviewed Respondent's previous filing history for the 2015 calendar year. I determined that there were seven additional untimely notifications of no activity filed during this span. Prior to the 2015 M4 reporting period, Respondent was timely with his notifications of no activity for 10 periods in a row. (Ex. 4)

**III. FEC History:**

9. Respondent has had prior cases before the Commission.

**Conclusion:**

10. I attempted to contact Respondent on several occasions to give him an opportunity to discuss the allegations in the referral. Additionally, an affidavit was mailed to Respondent on April 20, 2016. As of the date of this report, Respondent has not returned my calls, nor has he returned a questionnaire-affidavit.

11. Because Respondent has not contacted the Commission or returned a questionnaire-affidavit, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*.

**SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_




**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**


**Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer**

**Case Number** FEC 15-402

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed

**Respondent:** Ax the Tax

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

**Respondent Type:**

- Candidate  
 Political Committee

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on February 26, 2004. (Ex. 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on February 28, 2004 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)

3. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 3)

4. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2015, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on Page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on Page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the chairman/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on Pages 45 and 46.

**II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:**

5. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex. 4)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2015 M4	4/1/15 – 4/30/15	5/11/15	6/9/15	29
2015 M6	6/1/15 – 6/30/15	7/10/15	8/6/15	27

6. Respondent did not provide a written response to the referral.

7. Respondent did not return a questionnaire-affidavit nor did he respond to any of the attempted telephone contacts.

**III. FEC History:**

8. Respondent has had prior cases before the Commission.

**Conclusion:**

9. I attempted to contact Respondent on several occasions to give him an opportunity to discuss the allegations in the referral. Additionally, a questionnaire-affidavit was mailed to Respondent on November 12, 2015. As of the date of this report, Respondent has not returned my calls, nor has he returned the questionnaire-affidavit.

10. Because Respondent has not contacted the Commission or returned the questionnaire-affidavit, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*<sup>1</sup>.

**SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> I have reviewed Respondent's FEC cases as far back as 2008 to ascertain if Respondent has ever read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the Political Committee Handbook. It appears that Respondent has not returned any of the questionnaire-affidavits that have been sent to his attention that have inquired about this issue.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer**

**Case Number FEC 15-177**

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed

**Respondent:** Ax the Tax

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

**Respondent Type:**

- Candidate  
 Political Committee

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on February 26, 2004. (Ex. 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on February 28, 2004 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)

3. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 3)

4. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2015, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on Page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on Page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the chairman/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on Pages 45 and 46.

**II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:**

5. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex. 4)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2013 Q3	7/1/13 – 9/30/13	10/10/13	10/22/13	12
2013 M10	10/1/13 – 10/31/13	11/12/13	11/29/13	17
2013 M11	11/1/13 – 11/30/13	12/10/13	1/20/14	41
2013 M12	12/1/13 – 12/31/13	1/10/14	1/20/14	10
2014 M1	1/1/14 – 1/31/14	2/10/14	2/19/14	9
2014 M2	2/1/14 – 2/28/14	3/10/14	7/31/14	143
2014 M3	3/1/14 – 3/31/14	4/10/14	7/31/14	112
2014 M4	4/1/14 – 4/30/14	5/12/14	7/31/14	80
2014 M5	5/1/14 – 5/31/14	6/10/14	7/31/14	51
2014 P1	6/1/14 – 6/20/14	6/27/14	7/31/14	34
2014 P1A	6/21/14 – 6/27/14	7/4/14	7/31/14	27
2014 P2	6/28/14 – 7/4/14	7/11/14	7/31/14	20

2014 P2A	7/5/14 – 7/11/14	7/18/14	7/31/14	13
2014 P3	7/12/14 – 7/18/14	7/25/14	7/31/14	6
2014 P6	8/2/14 – 8/8/14	8/15/14	8/23/14	8
2014 P7	8/9/14 – 8/21/14	8/22/14	8/23/14	1
2014 P7A	8/22/14	8/29/14	8/31/14	2
2014 G1	8/23/14 – 8/29/14	9/5/14	9/11/14	6
2014 G2A	9/13/14 – 9/19/14	9/26/14	10/1/14	5
2014 G4	9/27/14 – 10/3/14	10/10/14	10/12/14	2
2014 G5	10/4/14 – 10/10/14	10/17/14	11/3/14	17
2014 G6	10/11/14 – 10/17/14	10/24/14	11/3/14	10
2014 D1	10/18/14 – 10/24/14	10/25/14	11/3/14	9
2014 D2	10/25/14	10/26/14	11/3/14	8
2014 D3	10/26/14	10/27/14	11/3/14	7
2014 D4	10/27/14	10/28/14	11/3/14	6
2014 D5	10/28/14	10/29/14	11/3/14	5
2014 D6	10/29/14	10/30/14	11/3/14	4
2014 G7	10/18/14 – 10/30/14	10/31/14	11/3/14	3
2014 M11	11/1/14 – 11/30/14	12/10/14	1/14/15	35
2014 M12	12/1/14 – 12/31/14	1/12/15	1/14/15	2

6. Respondent did not provide a written response to the referral.

7. Respondent did not return a questionnaire-affidavit nor did he respond to any of the attempted telephone contacts.

### III. FEC History:

8. Respondent has had prior cases before the Commission.

### Conclusion:

9. I attempted to contact Respondent on several occasions to give him an opportunity to discuss the allegations in the referral. Additionally, a questionnaire-affidavit was mailed to Respondent on August 20, 2015. As of the date of this report, Respondent has not returned my calls, nor has he returned the questionnaire.

10. Because Respondent has not contacted the Commission or returned the questionnaire, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*<sup>1</sup>.

**SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> I have reviewed Respondent's FEC cases as far back as 2008 to ascertain if Respondent has ever read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the Political Committee Handbook. It appears that Respondent has not returned any of the questionnaire-affidavits that have been sent to his attention that have inquired about this matter.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Case No.: FEC 14-146**

**Respondent: Ax the Tax**  
Counsel for Respondent: None

**Complainant: Division of Elections**  
Counsel for Complainant: None

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, on June 9, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission received information from the Division of Elections that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Division's referral was mandated pursuant to Section 106.22(7), Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent, "Ax the Tax," is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. Douglas M. Guetzloe is the chairman and treasurer. This political committee's special interest is "Tax reform".

2. Complainant is the Division of Elections.

3. Respondent's filing officer is Kristi Reid-Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.

4. On February 23, 2004, Respondent filed a Statement of Organization of Political Committee (DS-DE 5) form with the Division of Elections. The area, scope, and jurisdiction of the committee are listed as "Accountability and Responsibility in public spending. Oppose unnecessary sales tax increases throughout the State of Florida. Oppose unnecessary tax increases." To view a copy of the DS-DE 5 form, refer to exhibit 1.

5. On February 26, 2004, Respondent filed their current Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees (DS-DE 6) form with the Division of Elections. This form appointed Douglas Guetzloe as treasurer. To view a copy of the current DS-DE 6 form, refer to exhibit 2.

6. On February 28, 2004, Ms. Phyllis Hampton sent Mr. Guetzloe—in his capacity as Respondent’s treasurer—a letter acknowledging his appointment. This letter also informed Mr. Guetzloe of his confidential “PIN” number to access the Division of Election’s electronic filing system (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer’s reports and waivers. To view a copy of this February 28, 2004 acknowledgement letter, refer to exhibit 3.

7. On June 9, 2014, the Commission received a referral from the Division alleging that Respondent failed to report campaign activity, or in the alternative failed to notify the filing officer that no report would be filed, for two reporting periods. Table 1 summarizes the failure-to-file notices mailed to Respondent informing them that their reports had not been received. Each notice was mailed to the address Respondent provided on their returned mail forwarding address. To view a copy of the returned mail forwarding address, refer to exhibit 4. To view a copy of the sworn affidavit from Complainant, refer to exhibit 5. To view copies of the failure-to-file letters, please refer to exhibits 6 and 7.

<b>TABLE 1: FAILURE-TO-FILE NOTICES MAILED TO RESPONDENT</b>					
<b>Report</b>	<b>Report Cover Period</b>	<b>Report Due Date</b>	<b>Date 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice Mailed</b>	<b>Date Final Notice Mailed<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Ex #</b>
2014 M2	2/1/14 – 2/28/14	3/10/14	3/11/14 and 3/24/14	4/11/14	6
2014 M3	3/1/14 – 3/31/14	4/10/14	4/11/14 and 4/25/14	5/8/14	7

8. The allegations that Respondent failed to report campaign activity, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer that no report would be filed during the reporting periods listed in Table 1 will be discussed in the following paragraphs.

**II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:**

9. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when it failed to file treasurer’s reports, or written notices to the filing officer that no reports would be filed due to the lack of reportable activity during the 2014 M2 and M3 reporting periods, on the prescribed reporting dates.

10. On September 5, 2014, I subpoenaed Respondent’s campaign account records from CenterState Bank, fka First Commercial Bank of Florida, the campaign depository listed on Respondent’s DS-DE 6 form (Exhibit 2). In a Business Records Declaration dated October 23, 2014, Matt Bazo, Deposit Operations Officer, stated “Upon review of our data base, we do not currently show any records under the name or account number you have requested. Per your phone conversation today (10/23/14) with Operations Specialist Becky Fuller, she also searched

<sup>1</sup> The Final Notices were sent by certified mail and also included delivery confirmation receipts.

for records under the name of Douglas M. Guetzloe from the SUNBIZ information again with no results". To view a copy of the declaration, please refer to Exhibit 8.

11. Based upon Mr. Bazo's declaration in response to the Commission's subpoena, it appears that Respondent did not have any contributions or expenditures during the 2014 M2 and M3 reporting periods.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, it appears there was no campaign activity for Respondent to disclose during those reporting periods.

12. Respondent has previously been investigated for violating this section of the election laws.

### **III. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:**

13. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no reports were being filed due to not receiving any contributions or making any expenditures during the 2014 M2 and M3 reporting periods.

14. To review the circumstances regarding Respondent's contribution and expenditure activity, please refer to paragraphs 10 and 11 of this report.

15. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, states in part:

"Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived...any candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date."

16. In an e-mail dated April 2, 2014, Ms. Bronson was asked to clarify the procedure regarding how to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed. In her response, Ms. Bronson stated, "The notice that no report will be filed is the waiver, which must be filed in the EFS. We do not require anything separate in writing." To view a copy of Ms. Bronson's e-mail, please refer to exhibit 9.

17. Based upon Mr. Bazo's declaration and Ms. Bronson's e-mail, because Respondent did not have any contributions or expenditures during the reporting periods beginning with the 2014 M2 report covering the period February 1 to February 28, 2014, and ending with the 2014 M3 report covering the period March 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014, it appears Respondent was required to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for those reporting periods by indicating on the Division's EFS that

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<sup>2</sup> The reporting periods covered the period beginning with the 2014 M2 report covering the period February 1 through February 28, 2014, and ending with the 2014 M3 report covering the period March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014. The subpoena requested all deposit items and all checks drawn on the account, from February 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 as well as signature cards and monthly bank statements. It appears Respondent never opened a bank account.

there was no activity to disclose.

18. According to Respondent's filing history, the waivers of reports were filed on July 31, 2014. Table 2 summarizes the reports and dates the notifications were due and filed. To view copies of the 2014 M2 and M3 waivers-of-report, refer to Exhibit 10. To view a copy Respondent's filing history, please refer to exhibit 11.

<b>Table 2: Waiver of Report Due Dates/Filed Date</b>				
<b>Report</b>	<b>Report Cover Period</b>	<b>Waiver of Report Due Date</b>	<b>Waiver of Report Filed Date</b>	<b>Number of Days Late</b>
2014 M2	2/1/14-2/28/14	3/10/14	7/31/14	143
2014 M3	3/1/14-3/31/14	4/10/14	7/31/14	112

19. Respondent has previously been investigated for violating this section of the election laws.

#### **IV. FEC HISTORY**

20. Respondent has had a total of seven cases before the Commission. Table 3 summarizes the results of Respondent's prior cases before the Commission.

<b>TABLE 3: RESPONDENT'S PRIOR CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION</b>			
<b>Type of Case</b>	<b>Final Agency Action</b>	<b>Fine/Civil Penalty</b>	<b>Fine Paid</b>
Willful (13-248)	Pre-Probable Cause Consent Order; 106.19(1)(c), and 106.07(7)	\$3,500.00	7/15/14
Autofine (09-131)	No unusual circumstances; fine upheld	\$30.25; fine imposed on 11/25/09	No
Willful (08-308)	Consent Order/PC found for 106.03(4), and 106.143(1)(b). NPC found for 106.07(5)-2.	\$750.00	11/24/10
Willful (06-119)	Dismissed	N/A	N/A
Willful (03-260)	Probable Cause found for 106.071(1)-1, 106.071(1)-2, 106.143(4)(b)2, and 106.19(1)(c). This case was consolidated with FEC case 04-040)	\$12,000.00; fine imposed on 12/3/04	No
Willful (99-171)	Consent Order/PC found for 106.19(1)(a). NPC found for 106.144 and 106.19(1)(c).	\$500.00	5/23/01
Willful (92-009)	No Probable Cause for 106.03(4), 106.07(1), and 106.19(1)(b).	N/A	N/A



**Conclusion:**

21. Respondent was offered several opportunities to make comments regarding the findings of this investigation. Respondent did not respond to any of these attempts.

22. In the February 28, 2004 acknowledgement letter, Respondent was advised, "Enclosed is a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, along with a Handbook for Committees, Handbook for Treasurers, Campaign Treasurer's Report Forms and 2004 Election Calendar of Reporting Dates. Attached is a copy of the electronic filing information along with a list of vendors you may contact to obtain software that can assist you with the filing of your campaign treasurer's reports". To view a copy of the February 28, 2004 acknowledgement letter, refer to exhibit 3.

Respectfully submitted on March 9, 2015.

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Cedric Oliver  
Investigation Specialist

**Current address of Respondent**

Ax the Tax  
Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, Fl 32853-1101

**Current address of Complainant**

Division of Elections  
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0250

**Name and Address of Filing Officer:**

Ms. Kristi Reid Bronson  
Bureau of Election Records Chief  
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, Fl 32399

**Chair of Committee**

Douglas M. Guetzloe  
Chairman  
Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, Fl 32853-1101

Copy furnished to: Mr. David Flagg, Investigations Manager



**Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections**

**Ax the Tax**

**Campaign Finance Activity**

**Note:** The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

Contributions							
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
<input type="radio"/>	01/01/2004 - 03/31/2004	575.00	5,000.00	1,800.00	4,914.23	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	04/01/2004 - 06/30/2004	65.00	0.00	0.00	595.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	07/01/2004 - 07/23/2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	07/24/2004 - 08/06/2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	08/07/2004 - 08/26/2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	08/27/2004 - 09/10/2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	09/11/2004 - 09/24/2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>	09/25/2004 - 10/08/2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	10/09/2004 - 10/28/2004	1,241.00	0.00	0.00	1,241.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	10/29/2004 - 12/31/2004	200.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	01/01/2005 - 03/31/2005	745.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	04/01/2005 - 06/30/2005	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.85	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	07/01/2005 - 09/30/2005	945.00	0.00	0.00	799.99	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	10/01/2005 - 12/31/2005	905.00	0.00	0.00	105.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	01/01/2005 - 12/31/2005	745.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	01/01/2006 - 03/31/2006	625.00	0.00	0.00	65.75	0.00	0.00
<b>W</b>		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	04/01/2006 - 06/30/2006						
○	07/01/2006 - 07/28/2006	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	07/29/2006 - 08/11/2006	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	08/12/2006 - 08/31/2006	10.00	0.00	0.00	733.79	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2006 - 09/15/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	09/16/2006 - 09/29/2006	625.00	0.00	255.00	91.93	0.00	0.00
W	09/30/2006 - 10/13/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	10/14/2006 - 11/02/2006	20,358.50	0.00	6,500.00	16,694.53	0.00	0.00
○	11/03/2006 - 12/31/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,369.95	0.00	0.00
○	01/01/2007 - 03/31/2007	225.00	0.00	2,914.94	300.18	0.00	0.00
○	04/01/2007 - 06/30/2007	240.00	0.00	0.00	58.25	0.00	0.00
○	07/01/2007 - 09/30/2007	1,305.00	750.00	25.00	1,444.88	0.00	0.00
○	10/01/2007 - 12/31/2007	20.00	0.00	0.00	46.50	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2008 - 01/10/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	01/01/2008 - 03/31/2008	138.00	0.00	0.00	104.50	0.00	0.00
○	04/01/2008 - 07/18/2008	100.00	0.00	0.00	138.50	0.00	0.00
W	07/19/2008 - 08/01/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/02/2008 - 08/21/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/22/2008 - 09/12/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/13/2008 - 09/26/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/27/2008 - 10/10/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/11/2008 - 10/30/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/31/2008 - 12/31/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	01/01/2009 - 03/31/2009	45.00	0.00	0.00	121.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/18/2009 - 06/11/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

W	06/12/2009 - 06/25/2009						
○	04/01/2009 - 06/30/2009	385.00	0.00	0.00	364.12	0.00	0.00
W	07/09/2009 - 08/06/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/07/2009 - 08/20/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/05/2009 - 08/27/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/21/2009 - 09/03/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/28/2009 - 09/10/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/04/2009 - 09/17/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/11/2009 - 09/24/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	07/01/2009 - 09/30/2009	25.00	0.00	0.00	45.59	0.00	0.00
W	09/25/2009 - 10/01/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	10/01/2009 - 12/31/2009	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	726.35	0.00	0.00
W	12/10/2009 - 01/01/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/02/2010 - 01/21/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/22/2010 - 01/29/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/30/2010 - 02/18/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/22/2010 - 03/18/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	01/01/2010 - 03/31/2010	300.00	0.00	0.00	117.01	0.00	0.00
W	03/19/2010 - 04/08/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	04/01/2010 - 07/16/2010	595.00	0.00	0.00	94.12	0.00	0.00
W	07/17/2010 - 07/30/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	07/31/2010 - 08/19/2010	595.00	0.00	36,000.00	236.99	0.00	0.00
W	08/20/2010 - 09/10/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/11/2010 - 09/24/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	09/25/2010 - 10/08/2010	2,020.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

W	10/09/2010 - 10/28/2010						
W	10/29/2010 - 12/31/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/15/2010 - 01/14/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/15/2011 - 02/03/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/04/2011 - 02/24/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	01/01/2011 - 03/31/2011	1,186.75	1,391.25	0.00	3,298.92	0.00	0.00
W	03/25/2011 - 04/22/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/23/2011 - 05/19/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/20/2011 - 06/03/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/04/2011 - 06/23/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2011 - 06/30/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/29/2011 - 08/26/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/27/2011 - 09/15/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2011 - 09/30/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2011 - 12/31/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2012 - 03/31/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2012 - 07/06/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/07/2012 - 07/20/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/21/2012 - 08/09/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/10/2012 - 08/14/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/10/2012 - 08/14/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/10/2012 - 09/14/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/15/2012 - 09/28/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/29/2012 - 10/12/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/13/2012 - 11/01/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

W	11/02/2012 - 12/31/2012						
W	01/01/2013 - 03/31/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/03/2013 - 05/09/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/10/2013 - 06/06/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2013 - 06/30/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/09/2013 - 09/12/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2013 - 09/30/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/13/2013 - 10/10/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2013 - 10/31/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2013 - 11/30/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2013 - 12/31/2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2014 - 01/31/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/10/2014 - 02/07/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2014 - 02/28/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/08/2014 - 03/06/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2014 - 03/31/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/07/2014 - 04/03/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2014 - 04/30/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2014 - 05/31/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2014 - 06/20/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/21/2014 - 06/27/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/28/2014 - 07/04/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/05/2014 - 07/11/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/12/2014 - 07/18/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/19/2014 - 07/25/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		105.00	0.00	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

○	07/26/2014 - 08/01/2014						
W	08/02/2014 - 08/08/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/09/2014 - 08/21/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/22/2014 - 08/22/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/23/2014 - 08/29/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/30/2014 - 09/05/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/06/2014 - 09/12/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/13/2014 - 09/19/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/20/2014 - 09/26/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/10/2014 - 09/30/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/27/2014 - 10/03/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/04/2014 - 10/10/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**107 W. Gaines Street,  
Suite 224 Collins Building  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050  
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**[www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us); [fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com)**

June 9, 2017

Ax the Tax  
Attn: Doug Guetzloe, Chair  
1808 Antiqua Drive  
Orlando, FL 32806-1507

**RE: Case No.: FEC 16-153; Respondent: Ax the Tax - AMENDED**

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:

On June 16, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that your committee violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violation:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent failed to timely notify the filing officer that it had no reportable activity and, therefore, would not be filing a report on the prescribed reporting date for each of the following reporting periods:

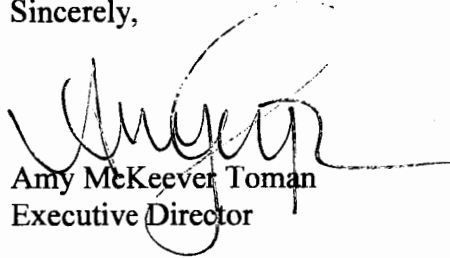
- 2016 M2
- 2016 M3
- 2016 M4

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you **notify us of a new address**. Also, please remember that complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are **confidential** until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website ([www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us)). If you have additional questions, please contact **Keith Smith**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

AMT/dam



## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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June 7, 2017

Ax the Tax  
Attn: Doug Guetzloe, Chair  
1808 Antiqua Drive  
Orlando, FL 32806-1507

**RE: Case No.: FEC 16-153; Respondent: Ax the Tax**

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:

On June 16, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that your committee violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violation:

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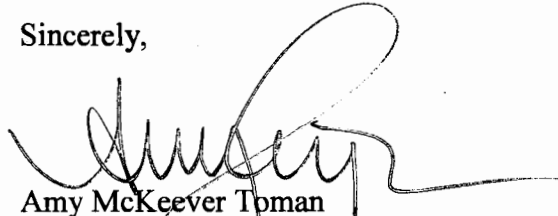
- 2016 M5
- 2016 P1A
- 2016 P6
- 2016 P7

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Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

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**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

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**Name:** Ax the Tax  
**Account Number:** 38121  
**Chairperson:** Doug Guetzloe  
**Treasurer:** Doug Guetzloe  
**Registered Agent:** Doug Guetzloe

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The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2016 M2

2016 M3

2016 M4

**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Bronson  
**Date:** June 2, 2016  
ejr

KRB

## AFFIDAVIT

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**County of Leon**

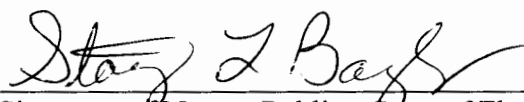
**Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:**

1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
3. Ax the Tax (38121) is a Political Committee registered with the Division. On February 26, 2004, Ax the Tax filed the DSDE 5 and 6 with the Division of Elections indicating that Doug Guetzloe was the chairperson and treasurer for the committee. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter).
4. The 2015 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 11, 2015. Mr. Guetzloe filed a notification of no activity on June 9, 2015. (See attached file receipt and letter dated June 11, 2015.)
5. The 2015 M6 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 10, 2015. Mr. Guetzloe filed a notification of no activity on August 6, 2015. (See attached file receipt and letter dated August 10, 2015.)
6. The 2015 M11 campaign treasurer's report was due on December 10, 2015. Mr. Guetzloe filed a notification of no activity on December 25, 2015. (See attached file receipt and letter dated December 28, 2015.)
7. The 2016 M2 campaign treasurer's report was due on March 10, 2016. Mr. Guetzloe filed a notification of no activity on March 25, 2016. (See attached file receipt and letter dated April 7, 2016.)
8. The 2016 M3 campaign treasurer's report was due on April 11, 2016. Mr. Guetzloe filed a notification of no activity on April 15, 2016. (See attached file receipt and letter dated May 11, 2016.)
9. The 2016 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 10, 2016. Mr. Guetzloe filed a notification of no activity on May 13, 2016. (See attached file receipt and letter dated May 17, 2016.)

I hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

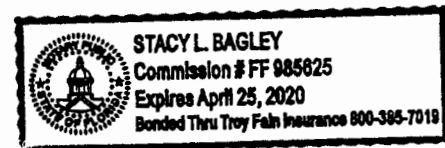
  
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Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me  
this **2nd** day of **June, 2016**.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

**Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of  
Notary Public**

Personally Known



STATE OF FLORIDA  
**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
 AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
 DEPOSITORY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES**  
 (Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

**RECEIVED OFFICE USE ONLY**  
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 DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
 TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

Original Appointment     Deputy Treasurer     Reappointment of Treasurer     Secondary Depository

1. Committee Name: Ax the Tax  
 2. Mailing Address: 3101 Maguire Blvd., Ste. 161, Orlando, FL 32803

Telephone (optional): (407)895-0077  
 3. City: Orlando  
 4. County: Orange  
 5. State: FL  
 6. Zip Code: 32803

The following person has been appointed to serve as  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer    for the above named committee.

7. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer: Doug Guetzloe  
 8. Street Address: 3101 Maguire Blvd., Suite 161

9. City: Orlando  
 10. County: Orange  
 11. State: FL  
 12. Zip Code: 32803

I have designated the following named bank as my  Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

13. Bank Name (include account number): First Commercial Bank of Florida  
 14. Street Address: 945 S. Orange Avenue

15. City: Orlando  
 16. County: Orange  
 17. State: FL  
 18. Zip Code: 32806

19. Name of Chairman: Doug Guetzloe  
 20. Signature of Chairman: *X Doug Guetzloe*

**Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment**

I, Doug Guetzloe, do hereby accept the appointment as  
 (Please Print or Type)

Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer    for the Ax the Tax

Committee. As a duly registered voter in Orange County, Florida, I am

qualified to accept this appointment.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

2/16/04  
 Date

*X Doug Guetzloe*  
 Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Glenda E. Hood**  
Secretary of State  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

February 28, 2004

Mr. Doug Guetzloe, Chairperson  
Ax the Tax  
3101 Maguire Boulevard, Suite 161  
Orlando, FL 32803

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:

We have received the Statement of Organization, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer, and Designation of Campaign Depository for Ax the Tax as a political committee. This information was placed on file in our office on February 26, 2004.

This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been included on our committee list as a committee that supports issues.

Listed below is the identification number associated with your committee. Please use this number when submitting your reports so they may be processed in a more timely and efficient manner.

**Identification Number: 38121**

Enclosed is a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, along with a Handbook for Committees, Handbook for Treasurers, Campaign Treasurer's Report Forms and 2004 Election Calendar of Reporting Dates.

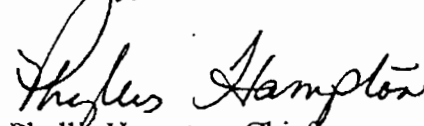
Attached is a copy of the electronic filing information along with a list of vendors you may contact to obtain software that can assist you with the filing of your campaign treasurer's reports. A magnetic diskette of the itemized information required by Chapter 106, F.S., must be filed with the Division of Elections (along with an original hard copy of the Summary Sheet [Form DS-DE 12]).

Mr. Doug Guetzloe, Chairperson  
February 28, 2004  
Page Two

**Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due April 12, 2004.** Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine is \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. A report which is postmarked by midnight of the due date is considered timely filed.

If you have any questions, or if we may of further assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to contact **Nancy Whitfield at (850) 245-6257.**

Sincerely,

  
Phyllis Hampton, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures



**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION  
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

**RECEIVED**  
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STATE  
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

<b>1. Full Name of Committee</b>		<b>Date</b>	
Ax the Tax		2/16/04	
<b>Mailing Address (if post office box or drawer, please add street address)</b>			<b>Telephone</b>
3101 Maguire Blvd., Suite 161			(407 ) 895-0077
<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
Orlando	Orange	FL	32803
<b>2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)</b>			
<b>Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>Relationship</b>
Ax the Tax, Inc.	3101 Maguire Blvd., Ste. 161 Orlando, FL 32803		Corporation
<b>3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee</b>			
Accountability and Responsibility in public spending. Oppose unnecessary sales tax increases throughout the State of Florida. Oppose unnecessary tax increases.			
<b>4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)</b>			
Tax reform.			
<b>5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)</b>			
<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>Committee Title or Position</b>
Doug Guetzloe	3101 Maguire Blvd., Ste. 161 Orlando, FL 32803		Treasurer

**6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)**

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Doug Guetzloe	3101 Maguire Blvd., Suite 161 Orlando, FL 32803	Chairman

**7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting**

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
N/A			

**8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting:** Accountability and Responsibility in public spending  
**List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing:** Sales tax increases and other tax increase proposals

**9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party**  
 Issues only. Not applicable

**10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?**  
 Given to charity.

**11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds**

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
First Commerical Bank # 150410	945 South Orange Avenue Orlando, FL 32806


**12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any**

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
N/A			

STATE OF Florida COUNTY Orange

I, Doug Guetzloe, certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true and correct.

X   
 Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: <b>38121</b>	Name: <b>Ax the Tax</b>
Report: 2015 - M4 - 161	Print Date: <b>12/29/2015 9:44:47 AM</b>
Election: 2016 General Election	
Covers: 4/1/2015-4/30/2015	✓
Due: 5/11/2015	
Filed: <b>6/9/2015 4:24:24 PM</b>	File Status: <b>Filed Report</b>
Reviewed: <b>6/9/2015</b>	Review Status: <b>Reviewed</b>
	Detail Complete: <b>No Detail Records Found</b>
File Method: Web Filed	<b><u>Number of Detail Records</u></b>
Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
Pending Queued Items: <b>0</b>	Fund Transfers: 0
	Distributions: 0
To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'	



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 11, 2015

Doug Guetzloe, Treasurer  
Ax the Tax  
Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, FL 32853-1101

PAC 38121

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of May 11, 2015, was not filed until June 9, 2015. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.


However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: <b>38121</b>	Name: <b>Ax the Tax</b>
Report: 2015 - M6 - 163	Print Date: <b>12/29/2015 9:45:26 AM</b>
Election: 2016 General Election	
Covers: 6/1/2015-6/30/2015	
Due: 7/10/2015	
Filed: <b>8/6/2015 8:05:47 AM</b>	File Status: <b>Filed Report</b>
Reviewed: <b>8/6/2015</b>	Review Status: <b>Reviewed</b>
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Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
Pending Queued Items: <b>0</b>	Fund Transfers: 0
	Distributions: 0
To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'	





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 10, 2015

Doug Guetzloe, Treasurer  
Ax the Tax  
Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, FL 32853-1101

PAC 38121

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 10, 2015, was not filed until August 6, 2015. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **38121**      Name: **Ax the Tax**

Report: 2015 - M11 - 168

Print Date: **12/29/2015 9:46:02 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 11/1/2015-11/30/2015

Due: 12/10/2015

Filed: **12/25/2015 7:23:30 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **12/25/2015**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

**Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

December 28, 2015

Doug Guetzloe, Treasurer  
Ax the Tax  
Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, FL 32853-1101

PAC 38121

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:


The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of December 10, 2015, was not filed until December 25, 2015. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **38121** Name: **Ax the Tax**

Report: 2016 - M2 - 171

Print Date: **5/23/2016 9:46:13 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 2/1/2016-2/29/2016

Amended  Waiver

Due: 3/10/2016

Filed: **3/25/2016 10:20:20 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **3/25/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

**Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 7, 2016

Doug Guetzloe, Treasurer  
Ax the Tax  
Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, FL 32853-1101

PAC 38121

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:


The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of March 10, 2016, was not filed until March 25, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **38121**      Name: **Ax the Tax**

Report: 2016 - M3 - 172

Print Date: **5/23/2016 9:46:34 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 3/1/2016-3/31/2016

Amended  Waiver

Due: 4/11/2016

Filed: **4/15/2016 6:01:20 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **4/15/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

**Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 11, 2016

Doug Guetzloe, Treasurer  
Ax the Tax  
Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, FL 32853-1101

PAC 38121

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of April 11, 2016, was not filed until April 15, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **38121**      Name: **Ax the Tax**

Report: 2016 - M4 - 173

Print Date: **5/23/2016 9:46:53 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 4/1/2016-4/30/2016

Amended     Waiver

Due: 5/10/2016

Filed: **5/13/2016 1:55:29 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **5/13/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

**Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 17, 2016

Doug Guetzloe, Treasurer  
Ax the Tax  
Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, FL 32853-1101

PAC 38121

Dear Mr. Guetzloe:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of May 10, 2016, was not filed until May 13, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

*Committee  
Tracking  
System*

**Ax the Tax**

**Type:** Political Committee

**Status:** Active

**Address:** Post Office Box 531101  
Orlando, FL 32853

**Phone:** (407)312-1781

**Chairperson:** Doug Guetzloe

**Treasurer:** Doug Guetzloe

**Registered** Douglas M. Guetzloe

**Agent:** 750 South Orlando Avenue  
Suite 202  
Winter Park, FL 327890000

**Purpose:**

**Taxes**  
Tax Reform

**Affiliations:**

**Business/Corporation**  
Ax the Tax, Inc.

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents