



# Form CPF M 18A: Report of Independent Expenditures Promoting Election or Defeat of Candidate(s)

Office of Campaign and Political Finance

Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts

**File with Local Election Official**

1. Expenditure(s) made by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of individual, group or committee making expenditures)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Candidate(s) supported or opposed by expenditure(s) made and office(s) sought <i>(attach additional pages if necessary):</i> Candidate Name: _____ Office Sought/District: _____  Candidate Name: _____ Office Sought/District: _____  Candidate Name: _____ Office Sought/District: _____	3. Expenditure(s) were made to:  <input type="checkbox"/> Support or <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose  <input type="checkbox"/> Support or <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose  <input type="checkbox"/> Support or <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose
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4. Expenditure(s) *(attach additional pages if necessary):*

Date Paid or Incurred	To Whom Paid or Owed	Address	Purpose	Amount or Value
Total:				

I hereby certify the expenditures noted are independent expenditures, as defined by M.G.L. c. 55, s. 1:

- (1) the individual(s) or group who made the expenditure(s) described herein did not solicit or receive any contributions in contemplation of such expenditure(s); and
- (2) the individual(s) or group who made the expenditure(s) described herein did not, in making such expenditure(s), cooperate, consult or act in concert with or at the request or suggestion of any candidate, or political committee organized on behalf of any candidate, or any agent or a candidate or any political committee.

I further certify that all statements made herein are true and accurate.

**Signed under the penalties of perjury:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature (For individuals signing on behalf of a group)

## **Who Should File This Form?**

Any individual, group, association, corporation, labor union, political committee or other entity that makes independent expenditures in an aggregate amount exceeding \$250.00 during any calendar year for the express purpose of promoting the election or defeat of any candidate(s).

## **What is an Independent Expenditure?**

Independent expenditures are defined in M.G.L. Chapter 55, section 1, as follows:

"Independent expenditure", an expenditure made or liability incurred by an individual, group, association, corporation, labor union, political committee or other entity as payment for goods or services to expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate; provided, however, that the expenditure is made or incurred without cooperation or consultation with any candidate or a nonelected political committee organized on behalf of the candidate or an agent of the candidate and is not made or incurred in concert with or at the request or suggestion of the candidate, a nonelected political committee organized on behalf of the candidate or agent of the candidate.

## **When Should This Form Be Filed?**

This report must be filed within seven (7) business days of the date the aggregate independent expenditure(s) exceed \$250 during a calendar year. In addition, any individual, group, association or political committee that makes an independent expenditure in an aggregate amount exceeding \$250 after the tenth day, but more than 24 hours, before the date of any election, must file a preliminary report within 24 hours of making the independent expenditure. If the filer does not know the value of the expenditure at the time of filing the preliminary report, the report may be filed without the amount of the expenditure. Filers have 7 days to then file an expenditure report with the amount or value of the expenditure listed.

## **Where Should This Form Be Filed?**

Reports of independent expenditures made to support or oppose candidates in a municipal election should be filed with the applicable city or town clerk or election commission.

Reports of independent expenditures made to support or oppose state and county candidates, and those municipal candidates who file with OCPF, must be filed electronically on OCPF's website, [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us).

## **For further information:**

Please contact the Office of Campaign and Political Finance at (617)979-8300 / (800)462-OCPF or visit the office's website at [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us).