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HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE CALLS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF DEMOCRAT CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS

Cease and Desist Order Implicates Governor, Executive Councilor Pignatelli and State Senatorial Candidate Fernald

Concord, NH - On July 15, 2005 the Attorney General's Office issued an official cease and desist order for violations of election laws to a deceptively named, primarily Democrat-funded organization called the "Moderate Voters of Amherst and Milford." Calling these violations "serious and numerous," the order found coordination with political candidates during the November 2004 election that was not reported by either this shadow organization or the candidates. These just-revealed violations require a full and complete investigation.

Among those that benefitted from secret expenditures were the John Lynch for New Hampshire Campaign, the Pignatelli for Executive Council and Fernald for Senate campaigns. According to the report, This partisan group admitted In a written communication on March 7, 2005 that,

"[w]e did consult and communicate with these candidates or their staffs to secure their authorization to have their names appear in the context of the political advertising we had prepared. . . . We informed them of our intention to support them . . . and that we would do so by means of a mailing and handouts. In all cases we were given oral permission to include them in the process."

Under New Hampshire law [RSA 664:2, VIII], coordinated expenditures must be listed by the candidate or committee they benefit as in-kind contributions. The public has a right-to-know. The Attorney General's order exposes a pattern of election law violations by those at the top of the Democratic state ticket in the 2004 election. These serious and numerous violations give lie to Democrat promises of an ethical government made at the same time these campaigns were ignoring election laws. "Laws should be obeyed, and ethics should be more than just a campaign slogan. A complete investigation is necessary because government must be transparent and the people have a right-to-know" says Rep Paul Mirski R Enfield.

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