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September 4, 2020: Beginning of Moratorium on Corporate and Labor Organization Funds

September 14, 2020: Filing Deadline for 50th Day Before General Election Report Regarding Contributions from Corporations and Labor Organizations (Form PTY-CORP)

This notice is to remind you, as a political party state chair, that a political party may not accept a contribution from a corporation or labor organization, or make an expenditure from corporate or labor organization funds, beginning on September 4, 2020, the 60th day before the general election, and continuing through November 3, 2020, the day of the election. Therefore, the last day for a political party to accept a contribution from a corporation or labor organization, or to make an expenditure from corporate or labor organization funds, before the general election is September 3, 2020. The first day for a political party to resume accepting contributions from a corporation or labor organization, or to make expenditures from corporate or labor organization funds, is November 4, 2020, the day after the election.

This notice is also to remind you of the **September 14, 2020**, deadline for filing a 50th day before the general election political party report of corporate or labor organization contributions, expenditures, and loans (Form PTY-CORP). (Remember: If necessary, the campaign treasurer of your general-purpose political committee (GPAC) will report other contributions, expenditures, and loans on Form GPAC or MPAC.)

You must file this report if either of the following applies to your political party:

- (1) your political party has accepted contributions from corporations or labor organizations during the reporting period; or
- (2) your political party maintains any amount of contributions from corporations or labor organizations accepted in earlier reporting periods.

PERIOD COVERED: The report covers the period beginning either on the day after the last day of the previously filed report or July 1, 2020, and ending on September 3, 2020.

TIMELY FILING: A report transmitted by Internet is considered timely filed if it is successfully transmitted in the correct format *by midnight, Central Time Zone, Monday night, **September 14, 2020***. A report eligible to be filed on paper is considered timely filed if it is deposited with the U.S. Post Office or placed in the hands of a common or contract carrier properly addressed with postage and handling charges prepaid, or hand-delivered to the Texas Ethics Commission in the correct format by the deadline. All paper reports must include the electronic filing exemption form, which is available on our website at www.ethics.state.tx.us/forms/affd/affs.php.

LATE FILING PENALTY: The minimum late-filing penalty for a 50th day before the general election report is \$500.

ELECTRONIC FILING: A campaign finance report must be filed electronically unless you qualify for the statutory exemption. To be in compliance with current requirements, you must use the campaign finance filing application found at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/TECindex.php. Select your filer type from the left hand menu. **If this is your first time filing with the application**, we suggest you view the instructional videos also available at that link. When you file electronically, wait for a confirmation number. If you do not get a confirmation number, the report has NOT been filed. Remember, you can file a report as soon as the reporting period ends, and we encourage you to file as early as possible so that if you experience any problems, we can assist you.

FILING SCHEDULES AND MORE: Future deadlines are listed on the filing schedules located at www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/schedules/filing_schedules.php. Also on our website are forms, instructions, filing guides, and other information that you may find useful.