

## Melissa Steward

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**From:** Jennifer <lfamily@pcisys.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 04, 2014 7:01 PM  
**To:** Melissa Steward  
**Cc:** Stephen Bouey; Kristine Reynolds; Public CPFhelp; Dana Williams  
**Subject:** Comment for Jan. 7th Petition Hearing

**We have attempted to send this email to Ms. Steward twice and both times it has been returned by the system administrator as undeliverable. We want to make sure these comments are received in time for the upcoming hearing on Jan. 7, 2014 at 1:30 PM as we are unable to travel to Denver to attend in person. Would you kindly forward them to Ms. Steward on our behalf? Thank you.**

Ms. Steward,

We are submitting the following comment to the Secretary of State with regards to the scheduled Jan. 7, 2014 Hearing in which the state GOP is petitioning the state to form an independent expenditure committee. **We are in opposition to this committee** for the following reasons:

1. We believe registered Republicans were not consulted in this matter, nor were we advised in writing or by email that the petition was being submitted on behalf of the state GOP by State GOP Chairman Ryan Call and his law business partner. We believe registered Republicans in all Colorado counties should have been included in this process.
2. This committee would be allowed to accept monies on top of monies already donated to the state GOP.
3. This committee would not have to uphold current Colorado Campaign finance laws. It would be allowed to accept donations in any amount, including those from corporations and unions.
4. This committee's leadership would be determined by GOP State Chairman Ryan Call. We do not believe this reflects the interests of Republicans statewide.
5. Other GOP political and candidate committees will be at a disadvantage in that they will be required to uphold and adhere to current Colorado campaign finance laws while the independent expenditure committee will not. Until current law is changed to allow for all political and candidate committees to operate on equal footing, no committee like this one should be approved.
6. We believe it would be possible for the potential millions in donations received by this committee to dwarf the interests of smaller donor committees that are forced to operate within Colorado campaign law. This could, in turn, unfairly affect candidates and issues at all levels that do not have access to this amount of funding under the law.

It is for these reasons that we ask the Secretary of State to deny the petition for the formation of the state GOP independent expenditure committee at this time.

Sincerely,

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