



# COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT

CAMPAIGN FINANCE & PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

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Identify person/entity you are complaining about

Name of person/entity being complained about <i>Minnesota Future</i>	
Address <i>128 E. Golden Lake Ln</i>	
City, state, zip <i>Circle Pines, MN 55014</i>	
Title of respondent (if applicable)	
Board/Department/Agency/District # (if legislator)	

Signature of person filing complaint

*9/30/10*

Date

Send completed form to: Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board  
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658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Give the statute cite of the portion of Chapter 10A, or Minn. Rules you believe has been violated.

You will find the complete text of Minn. Stat. §10A and Minn. Rules Chapters 4501 - 4525 on the Board's website at [www.cfboard.state.mn.us](http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us) .



Explain in detail why you believe the respondent has violated Chapter 10A, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Act. Attach an extra sheet of paper if necessary. Attach any documents, materials, minutes, resolutions or other evidence to support your allegations.

Multiple horizontal lines provided for writing the explanation and attaching evidence.

Minn. Stat. 10A.02, subd 11 - Violations; enforcement.

The board shall investigate any alleged violation filed in writing with the board. For an alleged violation of sections 10A.25 (expenditure limits) or 10A.27 (additional limits) the board shall either enter into a conciliation agreement or make a public finding of whether or not there is probable cause, within 60 days of the filing of the complaint. For alleged violations of all other sections, the board shall within 30 days after the filing of the complaint make a public finding of whether or not there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

The deadline for action may be extended by a majority vote of the board. Within a reasonable time after beginning an investigation of an individual or association, the board shall notify that individual or association of the fact of the investigation. The board shall make no finding without notifying the individual or association of the nature of the allegations and affording an opportunity to answer those allegations.

Any hearing or action of the board concerning a complaint or investigation shall be confidential until the board makes a public finding concerning probable cause or enters into a conciliation agreement.

Except as provided in section 10A.28, after the board makes a public finding of probable cause the board shall report that finding to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT  
SUBMITTED BY COMMON CAUSE MINNESOTA**

Common Cause Minnesota ("Common Cause") files this complaint against the Minnesota's Future political committee ("Minnesota's Future") for violating Minn. Stat. §§ 10A.025, 10A.20, 10A.27 subdivision 15, and 10A.29.

Minnesota's Future violated Minnesota law by funneling a \$428,000 contribution it received from the Republican Governors Association through a shell company. In doing so, Minnesota's Future circumvented the statutorily required disclosure of the original source of the contribution, and it failed to properly report the contribution.

**Relevant Documents Attached to This Complaint**

1. Attachment A – *Report of Receipts and Expenditures* filed by the Minnesota's Future political committee on September 22, 2010, which was obtained from the CFB's web site. The Report includes the *Disclosure Statement for Corporations and other Unregistered Associations Contributed to Independent Expenditure Committees and Funds*, which was completed by Minnesota Future, LLC.
2. Attachment B – Minnesota's Future registration as a political committee or political fund, which was obtained from the CFB's web site.
3. Attachment C – Articles of Organization for Minnesota Future, LLC.
4. Attachment D – IRS 527 organization registration for Minnesota Future obtained from the IRS' web site listing of registered 527 organizations.
5. Attachment E – Printout from the RGA web site describing its mission and activities.
6. Attachment F – IRS 527 organization registration for RGA obtained from the IRS' web site listing of registered 527 organizations.

**Factual Background**

**1. The Interested Parties.**

A. Minnesota's Future.

Minnesota's Future is registered with the CFB as an independent expenditure political committee or fund. (Attachment B).

B. Minnesota Future, LLC.

Minnesota Future, LLC is a Minnesota limited liability company that was formed on August 11, 2010. In its articles of organization, Minnesota Future, LLC states that it "will be operated within the meaning of section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and

will have the primary purpose to accept contributions and make independent expenditures to directly or indirectly influence the selection, nomination, election or appointment of any individual to public office, together with related purposes implied there from.

(Attachment C.) Minnesota's Future, LLC is not registered with the CFB as a political committee or political fund.

An organization called "Minnesota Future" with the same address as Minnesota's Future, LLC is also registered with the IRS as a Section 527 organization. (Attachment D.)

C. The Republican Governor's Association.

The Republican Governors Association ("RGA") is an organization based in Washington, D.C. (Attachment E). Like Minnesota Future, LLC, the RGA is registered with the IRS as a Section 527 organization. (Attachment F). However, the RGA has not registered with the CFB as a political committee or political fund.

2. The Relationship Between the Interested Parties.

In the months of August and September, 2010, the RGA made significant financial contributions to Minnesota Future, LLC, which in turn made significant contributions to the Minnesota Future's political committee. In fact, it appears that Minnesota Future, LLC was formed to funnel contributions from the RGA to the Minnesota's Future political committee and avoid otherwise applicable disclosure requirements. The basis for this conclusion is as follows:

On September 22, 2010, the Minnesota's Future political committee filed a *Report of Receipts and Expenditures* ("Report") with the CFB. The Report shows that Minnesota's Future only source of funds consists of three contributions, as follows:

\$390,000 on August 25  
\$9,500 on September 2  
\$30,000 on September 14  
\$429,500 total

Attached to the Report filed by Minnesota's Future is a *Disclosure Statement for Corporations and other Unregistered Associations Contributed to Independent Expenditure Committees and Funds* ("Disclosure Statement"). The Disclosure Statement was completed by Minnesota

Future, LLC. The Disclosure Statement reports that Minnesota Future, LLC received contributions from two sources on two dates, as follows:

\$428,000 from the Republic Governors Association, apparently on August 25  
\$1,500 from Jeff Larson, apparently on September 14  
\$429,500 total

After diligent investigation, Common Cause has been unable to find evidence of any activity of Minnesota Future, LLC, aside from the receipt of contributions (overwhelmingly from the RGA) and transfer of funds to the Minnesota's Future political committee.

### **VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA LAW**

#### **1. Minnesota Future Has Conspired to Circumvent Minnesota's Disclosure law.**

Minnesota's Future accepted a \$428,000 contribution from the RGA that was directed first to an intermediary shell company, thereby circumventing the original source disclosure that would have otherwise been required had the RGA had made its contribution directly to Minnesota's Future.

An association not registered with the CFB, if not prohibited by other law, may contribute revenue from membership dues or fees or from contributions received by the association to an independent expenditure political committee, but only if it provides the recipient's treasurer with a written statement disclosing the original source of the contributed funds. Minn. Stat. § 10A.27, subd. 15 (2010 Minn. Laws Ch. 397, sec. 11).

The information that must be disclosed by the association includes the name, address, and amount attributable to each individual or association that paid dues or fees to the association or made contributions to the association that, in total, aggregate \$1,000 or more of the contribution. The disclosure statement must identify the total amount of the contribution received from individuals or associations not subject to itemization. Minn. Stat. § 10A.27, subd. 15 (2010 Minn. Laws Ch. 397, sec. 11).

The statutes prohibit the circumvention of Chapter 10A by redirecting a contribution through, or making a contribution on behalf of, another individual or association. Minn. Stat. § 10A.29. The penalty for circumvention is gross misdemeanor and a civil penalty imposed by the CFB of up to \$3,000. Minn. Stat. § 10A.29.

Minnesota Future, LLC was formed on August 11. Two weeks later, on August 25, it received a contribution from the RGA, an unregistered association, of at least \$399,500. It immediately contributed \$390,000 of those funds to the Minnesota's Future political committee. On

September 2 and 14, respectively, Minnesota Future, LLC contributed an additional \$9,500 and \$30,000 to the Minnesota's Future political committee.

Had the RGA contributed funds directly to the Minnesota's Future political committee, rather than funneling its contribution through Minnesota Future, LLC, then the RGA would have had to file the disclosure statement required under Minn. Stat. § 10A.27, subd. 15. Among other things, the RGA would have had to disclose the original source of the contributed funds.

The timing of the transmission (mostly the same day), the commonality of names, the fact that Minnesota Future, LLC was formed only days before the contribution from the RGA was received, and the fact that Minnesota Future, LLC's stated purpose is to "accept contributions and ... directly or indirectly influence the ... election ... of any individual to public office," all lead to the conclusion that the parties used Minnesota Future, LLC as an intermediary for the purpose of circumventing the original source disclosure requirements of Section 10A.27, subdivision 15.

The CFB should find that Minnesota's Future materially contributed to the circumvention of Chapter 10A and impose the maximum penalty of \$3,000.

## **2. Accepting a contribution from the RGA without a proper statement**

Minnesota's Future effectively received its contribution from the RGA without receiving the original source disclosure required by Section 10A.27, subdivision 15. The treasurer of an independent expenditure political committee that files a report without including the statement required under Section 10A.27, subdivision 15 is subject to a civil penalty of up to four times the amount of the contribution for which disclosure was not filed, but not to exceed \$25,000 except when the violation was intentional. Minn. Stat. § 10A.27, subd. 17 (2010 Minn. Laws Ch. 397, sec. 13).

The CFB should impose a penalty of \$1,712,000 for violating Section 10A.27 subdivision 15, four times the undisclosed contribution, because it appears the violation was an intentional effort to avoid disclosure.

## **3. Filing a False Statement**

Minnesota's Future political committee filed a false statement with the Campaign Finance Disclosure CFB by omitting from its *Report of Receipts and Expenditures* what was essentially a direct contribution from the RGA to Minnesota's Future.

A political committee is required to file a *Report of Receipts and Expenditures* with the CFB on specified dates. The report must disclose the name, address, and employer, or occupation if

self-employed, of each individual or association that has made one or more contributions to the reporting entity. Minn. Stat. § 10A.20, subd. 3(b).

An individual who signs and certifies to be true a report or statement submitted to the CFB knowing it contains false information or who knowingly omits required information is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and subject to a civil penalty imposed by the CFB of up to \$3,000. Minn. Stat. § 10A.025, subd. 2.

Minnesota's Future effectively received a \$428,000 contribution from the RGA, which should have been disclosed on the 2010 42<sup>nd</sup> Day Pre-General Reports of Receipts and Expenditures report that was filed on September 22. It was not.

The CFB should find that an act of filing a false statement has occurred and impose the maximum penalty of \$3,000.

### **Requested Actions**

#### **1. Expedited Consideration**

Because the issues raised in this complaint involve interpretation of laws that could have widespread application and a material impact on the conduct of the upcoming election by independent organizations, the CFB should consider this complaint on an expedited basis.

#### **2. Penalties**

In sum, Common Cause Minnesota asks the Minnesota Campaign Finance Disclosure CFB to find that Minnesota Future, LLC has violated Sections 10A.025, 10A.20, 10A.27 subdivision 15, and 10A.29.

We urge the Campaign Finance and Disclosure CFB to assess the following penalties:

- Assess a civil penalty of \$3,000 for circumvention.
- Assess a civil penalty of \$1,712,000 for violating Section 10A.27 subdivision 15 by accepting a contribution from the RGA without the required original source disclosure because it was an intentional violation to avoid disclosure.
- Assess a civil penalty of \$3,000 for filing a false statement.

Considering the nature of the scheme and the intent of the parties to create a shell company in order to hide the source of contributions, we encourage the CFB to seek the maximum penalties to send a clear message that these attempts to undermine disclosure will not be tolerated.

Common Cause Minnesota

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Dean", written over a horizontal line.

by Mike Dean

2323 E Franklin Ave

Minneapolis, MN 55406

Phone - 612-605-7978

[mdean@commoncause.org](mailto:mdean@commoncause.org)



Minnesota  
**Campaign Finance and  
 Public Disclosure Board**



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 Email at: cfboard@state.mn.us

**Report of Receipts and Expenditures for  
 Independent Expenditure Committees and Independent Expenditure Funds**  
 Period covered: January 1 through September 14, 2010  
**REPORT DUE DATE IS September 21, 2010**

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- This report may be emailed to [cfb.reports@state.mn.us](mailto:cfb.reports@state.mn.us) or faxed to (651) 296-1722; (800) 357-4114
- All information on this form or report is public information and may be published on the Board's website at [www.cfboard.state.mn.us](http://www.cfboard.state.mn.us)
- It is unlawful to use this information for commercial purposes.
- Do not use pencil or red ink.
- Board staff may also be reached by phone at (651) 282-6864 or (800) 657-3689 or by email at [cf.board@state.mn.us](mailto:cf.board@state.mn.us)

**COMMITTEE OR FUND INFORMATION**

Committee or fund name <b>MINNESOTA'S FUTURE</b>	Registration number <b>40989</b>
Treasurer name <b>JOE DROOGSMA</b>	Treasurer email address <b>tyndroob92@aol.com</b>
Treasurer address <b>128 E. Golden Lk. Ln.</b>	
Treasurer city, state, zip <b>Circle Pines, MN. 55014</b>	Treasurer telephone (optional) <b>763-360-7603</b>

**REPORT OPTIONS**

Check one of the boxes below only if applicable and provide the requested information.

- No change statement** Check this box only if your committee or fund received no contributions and made no expenditures since your last reporting period. Do not use this statement if there was any monetary change. If there was no change:

Provide the current cash balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and sign here:

I, the  treasurer or  deputy treasurer (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 certify there has been no change.

- Amendment** Check this box if your committee or fund is filing this report to amend a previously filed report for this period.

- Termination** Check this box if your committee has dissolved. A committee may not dissolve unless it has settled all its debts and disposed of all its assets in excess of \$100.

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**COMMITTEE OR FUND TRANSACTION SUMMARY**

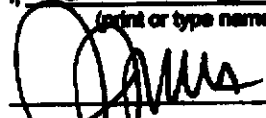
1	Beginning cash balance 1/1/10 (should be the same as the 12/31/09 ending cash balance)		\$891.26			
<b>A RECEIPTS:</b>			Cash (Col. 1)	Blank (Col. 2)	In-kind (Col. 3)	Total (Col. 4)
2	Total contributions received from individuals and registered committees	Sch. A1 - IR	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0
3	Total contributions received from unregistered associations that was derived from business revenue	Sch. A1 - BR	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0
4	Total contributions received from unregistered associations that was derived from fees, dues, and contributions.	Sch. A1 - UA	\$429,500		\$ 0	\$429,500
5	Receipts from loans payable	Sch. A2 - LP	\$ 0			\$ 0
6	Miscellaneous income	Sch. A2 - MISC	\$ 0			\$ 0
7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	Sum #2 thru #6	\$430,391.26		\$ 0	\$430,391.26
<b>B DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			Cash (Col. 1)	Unpaid bills (Col. 2)	In-kind (Col. 3)	Total (Col. 4)
8	Expenditures	Sch. B1 - EXP	\$271.12	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$271.12
9	Contributions to Independent Expenditure Committees and Funds	Sch. B2 - IND PAC	0	0	0	0
10	Independent expenditures See required form on page 18	Sch. B2 - IND	\$398,017	\$10,027.00	0	\$408,044.00
11	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	Sum #8 thru #10	\$399,160.12	\$10,027.00	\$ 0	\$409,187.12
12	Ending cash balance 9/14/10	#1 + #7 - #11	\$51,225.14			

**LOANS SUMMARY**

Total of all loans owed by your committee as of September 14, 2010, including all previous years.	\$ 0
Total of all loans owed to you committee as of September 14, 2010, including all previous years.	\$ 0

**CERTIFICATION**

I, JOE DROOGSMA, certify that this report is complete, true, and correct.  
 (print or type name)



9/21/10

Signature of  treasurer  or deputy treasurer (check one) Date

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SCHEDULE B1 - EXP - EXPENDITURES

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Date	Name and full address of payee, including third party payee	specific purpose of expenditure	1 Cash	2 Contrib. to Federal and local governments	3 Unpaid bills	4 In-kind (Net item & fair market value)	5 Total Cash & In-kind
4/14	POSTMASTER CIRCLE PINES, MN. SPD14	PO. BOX PENYAR	56.00				56.00
7/8		POSTAGE	10.00				10.00
7/21		POSTAGE	10.00				10.00
9/30	TCA BANK 801 WATSON HILL AVE MPOIS, MN. 55401	Deposit stamps & checks	33.10				33.10
8/25		WIRE TRANSFER fee	15.00				15.00
9/27		WIRE TRANSFER fee	25.00				25.00
9/2		WIRE TRANSFER fee	15.00				15.00
TOTALS							
Total of non-itemized expenditures/adjustments							
Add totals of col. 1 & 2 To pg. 3, line 6, col. 1							
To pg. 3, line 6, col. 2							
To pg. 3, line 6, col. 3							
To pg. 3, line 6, col. 4							

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHEDULE B3 - IND**

Use this schedule to itemize independent expenditures made by your committee or fund to advocate the election or defeat of a state legislative, judicial or constitutional office candidate only.

**Independent expenditure definition:**

- An independent expenditure is an expenditure that advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate that is made without the express or implied consent, authorization, cooperation of, and not in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate, candidate's treasurer, or candidate's agent.

**Reporting instructions for Independent Expenditures**

- List independent expenditures alphabetically by the last name of the candidate that the expenditure was for or against.
- In the vendor column, list the name and address of the vendor paid. Use additional rows for multiple independent expenditures affecting the same candidate.
- Itemize an expenditure to a particular vendor only if your committee spent more than \$100 with the vendor on independent expenditures. For example, if your committee purchased a \$50 advertisement for candidate A and another advertisement worth \$60 for candidate B you would list the vendor for each candidate because total independent expenditures with the vendor exceeds \$100. You only need to provide the address of a vendor the first time you list the vendor on schedule B3.
- If you do not spend more than \$100 with a vendor on independent expenditures you do not itemize the expenditures to that vendor under any candidate's name. Instead you include the amount in the Non-Itemized Independent Expenditure total at the bottom of the schedule.
- Be sure to indicate if each itemized expenditure was for or against the candidate.
- If your committee makes an independent expenditure that lists more than one candidate you must allocate the cost of the expenditure between the candidates and report the allocated amount under each candidate's name.
- Return a completed Affidavit of Independent Expenditures (on the bottom of this page) with your report.

**AFFIDAVIT OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES**

**USE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOUR COMMITTEE MADE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES RELATED TO STATE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL OR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE**

State of Minnesota, County of Anoka ss

I, the undersigned treasurer, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

1. The MINSOJA'S FUTURE

Name of committee or fund

made independent expenditures as described on schedule B3-Ind of the report which this affidavit accredits. The independent expenditures made by the committee or fund were not made with the authorization or expressed or implied consent of, or in cooperation or in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate, any candidate's principal campaign committee or agent.

[Signature]  
Signature of Treasurer

9/21/10  
Date signed

Notarization

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of SEPT. 20 10

Donna M. Duffy  
Signature of notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths

Notary Seal



**SCHEDULE B3 - IND - INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES**

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FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE, CONSTITUTIONAL AND JUDICIAL OFFICE CANDIDATES ONLY  
 LIST INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES ON SCHEDULE B1 - EXPENDITURES

Name of candidate affected and office sought (List last name, first name)	Check One Candidate Expenditure is For	Vendor (Name and Address of Vendor Paid)	Specific purpose of expenditure	1 Cash	2 Unpaid bills	3 Total
DAYTON, MARK GOVERNOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHATTAN MEDIA P.O. Box 1330 STOWE, VT 05672	PRODUCTION OF TV. COMMERCIAL	16,000	10,027	26,027.00
DAYTON, MARK GOVERNOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHATTAN MEDIA P.O. Box 1330 STOWE, VT 05672	SHIPPING OF TV. COMMERCIAL	897.00	—	897.00
DAYTON, MARK GOVERNOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NATIONAL-MEDIA DIS SLATERS LN. ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	TV. & CABLE MEDIA BUY	369,000	—	369,000
DAYTON, MARK GOVERNOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TARLETON VIGOR 66 CARM CENTER ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	WEB/online MEDIA	22,000	—	22,000
Total of non-itemized expenditures/subsidiaries						
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>598,907</b>	<b>10,027</b>	<b>608,934.00</b>
				Top 3, line 10, col 1	Top 3, line 10, col 2	Top 3, line 10, col 4

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**Disclosure Statement for Corporations and other Unregistered Associations  
 Contributing to Independent Expenditure Committees and Funds**

**Filing Instructions**

- This statement must be provided to independent expenditure committees and funds prior to the date on which the recipient committee or fund initially reports the contribution to the Board.

**Donor Information**

Donor Name <b>Minnesota Future, LLC</b>	Name of donor responsible for this statement <b>Jeff Larson</b>
Address <b>7300 Huron Blvd. Suite 270</b>	Email address of donor
City, State, ZIP <b>Saint Paul, Minnesota 55128</b>	Donor phone number of donor <b>(651) 999-0249</b>

**Information on Contribution to Independent Expenditure Committee or Fund**

Recipient Independent Expenditure Committee or Fund Name <b>Minnesota's Future</b>	Date of Contribution <b>8/25 and 9/14</b>
Address <b>P.O. Box 310</b>	Amount of Contribution <b>\$428,500.00</b>
City, State, ZIP <b>Circle Pines, Minnesota 55014</b>	For an in-kind contribution, please list item description, fair value, or service given.

**Statement Options**

Check one of the boxes below. If both the first and second check boxes apply to your contribution check only the first box.

- Only business revenue was used to fund the contribution. Check this box if only business revenue was used for the contribution. Only this page of the statement is provided to the recipient if the contribution was derived from business revenue.
- The donor has not contributed \$5,000 or more to independent expenditure committees or funds this calendar year. Check this box if the donor has contributed less than \$5,000 in aggregate to all independent expenditure committees and funds in Minnesota in 2010. Only the disclosure information on this page of the statement is provided to the recipient if aggregate contributions are less than \$5,000.
- The donor used membership fees, membership dues, or contributions received from individuals or other corporations and associations to fund the contribution. Check this box if aggregate contributions to independent expenditure committees and funds in Minnesota equal \$5,000 or more, and business revenue was not used as the source of funding for the contribution. Schedule A1 of this statement must be completed and provided to the recipient committee.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jeff Larson (print or type name), certify that this report is complete, true, and correct.

Signature of officer

Date

Any person who signs and certifies to be true a statement which the person knows contains false information, or who knowingly omits required information, is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the Board of up to \$3,000 and is subject to criminal prosecution for a gross misdemeanor.

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**Schedule A1 - Source of Funding for Contribution**

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Name and full address of itemized sources of funding.	Amount
Republican Governors Association 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20006	\$428,000.00
Jeff Larson 7300 Hudson Blvd. Suite 270 Saint Paul, Minnesota 55128	\$1,500.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Line A - Total of itemized sources of funding.	\$
Line B - Amount of the contribution that is attributable to underlying sources that are not required to be itemized.	\$
Line C - Amount of contribution derived from business revenue.	\$
<b>Line A + Line B + Line C = TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$429,500.00</b>

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# Political Committees and Political Funds Registration Information

Registration Number: 40989

Committee Name: Minnesota's Future  
Address: PO Box 310  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
Daytime Phone: (612)834-1919  
Website:

Chair: Chris Tiedeman  
Address: PO Box 310  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
Daytime Phone: (612)834-1919  
Email:

Treasurer Name: Joe Droogsma  
Address: 128 E Golden Lake Ln  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
Daytime Phone: (763)360-7603  
Email: lyndro692@aol.com

Dpty Treas(if any): Chris Tiedeman  
Address: PO Box 310  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
Daytime Phone: (612)834-1919  
Email:

Depository(ies) TCF National Bank  
Information:  
801 Marquette Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

State of Minnesota

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Certificate of Organization

I, Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: Articles of Organization, duly signed, have been filed on this date in the Office of the Secretary of State, for the organization of the following limited liability company, under and in accordance with the provisions of the chapter of Minnesota Statutes listed below.

This limited liability company is now legally organized under the laws of Minnesota.

Name: Minnesota Future, LLC

Charter Number: 3946330-2

Chapter Formed Under: 322B

This certificate has been issued on 08/11/2010.



*Mark Ritchie*  
Secretary of State.

*Wecor*

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION  
OF  
MINNESOTA FUTURE, LLC**

The undersigned, of full age, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 322B, Minnesota Statutes and all amendments thereto (the "Act"), hereby adopts the following Articles of Organization:

**ARTICLE I.  
NAME**

The name of the Company shall be: *Minnesota Future, LLC.*

**ARTICLE II.  
REGISTERED OFFICE**

The location and post office address of the Company's registered office in the State of Minnesota shall be 7300 Hudson Boulevard, Suite 270, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55128.

**ARTICLE III.  
ORGANIZER**

The name and address of the organizer of the Company are as follows:

Tammera R. Diehm  
Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A.  
Suite 3500  
225 South Sixth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

**ARTICLE IV.  
AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP UNITS**

Subject to any restrictions in any member control agreement governing the Company, the Board of Governors may act by resolution to (a) establish one or more classes or series of membership interests and (b) fix the relative rights and preferences of each such class and series. In the event the Board of Governors creates membership interests with rights or preferences not set forth in any member control agreement governing the Company, the Board of Governors must comply with the procedures set forth in Section 322B.40, Subd. 6 of the Act.

**ARTICLE V.  
PURPOSES AND POWERS**

The Company will be operated within the meaning of section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") (or the corresponding provision of any subsequent law). Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, the Company will have as a primary purpose to accept contributions and make independent expenditures to directly or indirectly influence the selection, nomination, election or appointment of any individual to public office, together with related purposes implied therefrom.

**ARTICLE VI.  
TERM**

The Company shall have perpetual duration.

**ARTICLE VII.  
DISSOLUTION**

The Company shall not be dissolved or required to be wound up upon the occurrence of any event set forth in Section 322B.80, Subd. 1(5) of the Act, as the same may be amended or restated, and such events shall not trigger dissolution of the Company.

**ARTICLE VIII.  
MANAGEMENT BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The business and affairs of the Company are to be managed by or under the direction of a Board of Governors. Except as authorized by the Board of Governors, no member is an agent of the Company or has the authority to make any contracts, enter into any transactions or make any commitments on behalf of the Company.

**ARTICLE IX.  
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The personal liability of the governors of the Company is hereby eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by Section 322B.663 of the Act, as the same may be amended or restated. If the Act is amended after this Article becomes effective to authorize company action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of governors, then the liability of a governor of the Company shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Act, as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a governor of the Company existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

**ARTICLE X.  
WRITTEN ACTION OF THE BOARD**

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Company may be taken by a written action signed, or counterparts of a written action signed in the aggregate, or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, by all of the governors and, if the action does not require member approval, it may be taken by a written action signed, or counterparts of a written action signed in the aggregate, or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, by the number of governors that would be required to take such action at a meeting of the Board of Governors at which all governors are present.

**ARTICLE XI.  
PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS; CUMULATIVE VOTING**

The members of the Company shall not have preemptive rights to subscribe for or acquire securities or rights to purchase securities of any kind, class or series of the Company. The members of the Company shall not have the right of cumulative voting.


**ARTICLE XII.**  
**DISSENTERS' RIGHTS: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION**

Dissenters' rights of members of the Company resulting from or arising out of an amendment to these Articles of Organization are hereby eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by § 322B.383 of the Act, as the same may be amended or restated.

**ARTICLE XIII.**  
**WRITTEN ACTION OF THE MEMBERS**

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the members of the Company may be taken by a written action signed, or counterparts of a written action signed in the aggregate, or consented to by authenticated electronic communication, by the members who own voting power that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the members at which all members were present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles as of this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

  
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Tammera R. Diehm, Organizer

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## Political Organization Notice of Section 527 Status

OMB No. 1545-1693

### Part I General Information

**1 Name of organization**

Minnesota Future

**Employer identification number**

27 - 3219111

**2 Mailing address (P.O. box or number, street, and room or suite number)**

7300 Hudson Blvd Suite 270

**City or town, state, and ZIP code**

Oakdale, MN 55128

**3 Check applicable box:**

Initial notice

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**4a Date established**

08/11/2010

**4b Date of material change**

**5 E-mail address of organization**

no@email

**6a Name of custodian of records**

Jeff Larson

**6b Custodian's address**

7300 Hudson Blvd Suite 270

Oakdale, MN 55128

**7a Name of contact person**

Jeff Larson

**7b Contact person's address**

7300 Hudson Blvd Suite 270

Oakdale, MN 55128

**8 Business address of organization (if different from mailing address shown above). Number, street, and room or suite number**

7300 Hudson Blvd Suite 270

**City or town, state, and ZIP code**

Oakdale, MN 55128

**9a Election authority**

NONE

**9b Election authority identification number**

### Part II Notification of Claim of Exemption From Filing Certain Forms (see instructions)

**10a** Is this organization claiming exemption from filing Form 8872, Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures, as a qualified state or local political organization? Yes  No

**10b** If 'Yes,' list the state where the organization files reports:

**11** Is this organization claiming exemption from filing Form 990 (or 990-EZ), Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, as a caucus or associations of state or local officials? Yes  No

### Part III Purpose

**12 Describe the purpose of the organization**

accept contributions and make expenditures to directly or indirectly influence elections

**Part IV List of All Related Entities (see instructions)**

13 Check if the organization has no related entities.....

14a Name of related entity	14b Relationship	14c Address
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**Part V List of All Officers, Directors, and Highly Compensated Employees (see instructions)**

15a Name	15b Title	15c Address
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Jeff Larson	President and Treasures	7300 Hudson Blvd Suite 270 Oakdale, MN 55128
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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the organization named in Part I is to be treated as a tax-exempt organization described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that I have examined this notice, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. I further declare that I am the official authorized to sign this report, and I am signing by entering my name below.

Jeff Larson

08/13/2010

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Name of authorized official



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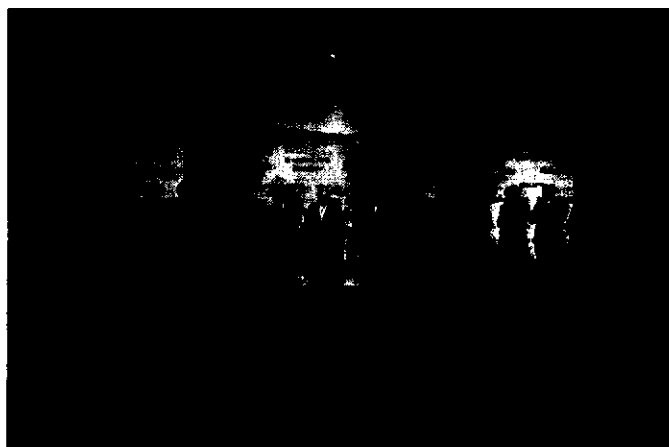
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The RGA is the most innovative and disciplined political committee in the country. Our political team has experience running state parties and winning gubernatorial campaigns. As a r



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We know that getting elected is only the first step in transforming a state and the nation. Our governors are able to apply conservative principles to solve problems and implement reform policies that serve as models for the rest of the nation. That's why we organize forums and other avenues through which governors can share ideas and best practices. We have compiled a more than 350 page book outlining our governors' best ideas. Learn



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While our focus is on the future, we are extremely proud of our history. The RGA was founded in 1963 and some of America's best leaders have served as our chairman. Ronald Reagan was chairman from 1968-1970, Tommy Thompson led the RGA in 1991-1992, and John Engler served in 1995-1996. Reagan went on to become one of the greatest Presidents in history, while Thompson and Engler were two of the governors most responsible for developing and implementing historic welfare reform that helped spur the Republican Revolution in the mid-1990's.

Over the past 15 years Republican governors have led the way by enacting tort reform, cutting taxes, raising educational standards, providing new energy solutions and implementing other conservative principles.

Today a new generation of Republican governors like Bobby Jindal, Linda Lingle, Rick Perry, Tim Pawlenty and Haley Barbour are bringing conservative solutions to the challenges facing their states. It's this next generation of Republican governors who will lead our party and nation to greatness in the future.

#### **Press:**

Mike Schrimpf

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**Contact:**

Republican Governors Association

1747 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250

Washington, DC 20006

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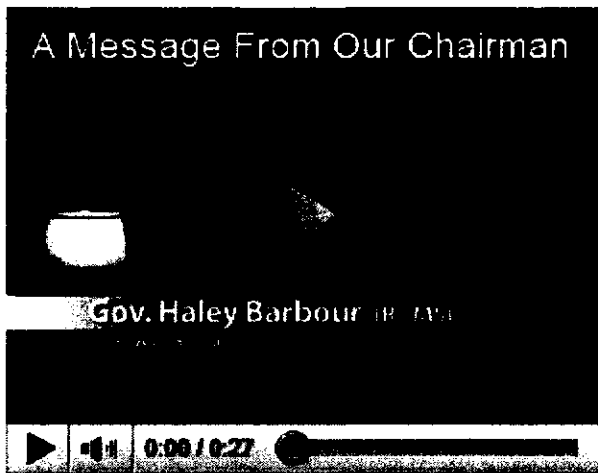
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**Political Organization  
Notice of Section 527 Status**

**Part I General Information**

**1 Name of organization** Republican Governors Association **Employer identification number** 11 - 3655877

**2 Mailing address (P.O. box or number, street, and room or suite number)**  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250

**City or town, state, and ZIP code**  
Washington, DC 20006

**3 Check applicable box:**  Initial notice  Amended notice  Final notice

**4a Date established** 10/04/2002 **4b Date of material change** 05/07/2010

**5 E-mail address of organization**  
madams@rga.org

**6a Name of custodian of records** Michael G. Adams **6b Custodian's address** 1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20006

**7a Name of contact person** Michael G. Adams **7b Contact person's address** 1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20006

**8 Business address of organization (If different from mailing address shown above). Number, street, and room or suite number**  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250

**City or town, state, and ZIP code**  
Washington, DC 20006

**9a Election authority** NONE **9b Election authority identification number**

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**Part III Purpose**

**12 Describe the purpose of the organization**

To assist in the solution of significant national public policy problems; to enable the Republican governors to take their proper position in expressing, developing and preserving the philosophy of the Republican party within the national party framework; to assist in the election of Republican gubernatorial candidates and the reelection of incumbent Republican Governors; to speak out on public issues.

**Part IV List of All Related Entities (see instructions)**

13 Check if the organization has no related entities.....

14a Name of related entity	14b Relationship	14c Address
Republican Governors Public Policy Committee	Connected	1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250 Washington, DC 20006

**Part V List of All Officers, Directors, and Highly Compensated Employees (see instructions)**

15a Name	15b Title	15c Address
Angela Danhof Meyers	Finance Director	1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250 Washington, DC 20006
Michael G. Adams	General Counsel	1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250 Washington, DC 20006
Paul Bennecke	Deputy Executive Director	1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250 Washington, DC 20006
James N. Ayers	Executive Director	1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250 Washington, DC 20006
Governor Tim Pawlenty	Vice Chairman	1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250 Washington, DC 20006
Governor Haley Barbour	Chairman	1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 250 Washington, DC 20006

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the organization named in Part I is to be treated as a tax-exempt organization described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, and that I have examined this notice, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. I further declare that I am the official authorized to sign this report, and I am signing by entering my name below.

Michael G. Adams

05/07/2010

**Sign Here**

Name of authorized official

Date