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Honorable Mary Herrera
NM Secretary of State
325 Don Gaspar, Suite 300
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VIA HAND DELIVERED

Dear Secretary Herrera:

I was quite surprised and dismayed to read in the local press that you intend to ask me about campaign spending. I would gladly have answered your questions, had you contacted me directly.

According to the article you plan to inquire about my contribution to the San Miguel Democratic Party in the amount of \$1500.00. In my October 14, 2008 report I reported the expenditure of August 12, 2008 for the purpose of "Collaborative campaign". The purpose of the expenditure was for my campaign to work in conjunction with San Miguel County Democratic Party to elect all Democratic candidates in the November 4 general election.

Chapter 19 of NMSA 1978 Campaign Practices Act sets forth allowable expenditures.

1-19-29.1 Campaign funds; limitation on use.

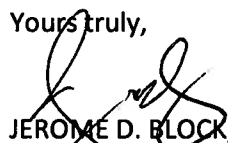
(6) donations to a political party or to another candidate seeking election to public office;

Next in the article was the amount I paid to MATI Networks, Inc. for Website hosting and design. During the primary campaign, I worked with MATI on the website and had problems that did not meet with my approval. I never accepted the site until after the primary election.

Your article refers to my expenditure to Cordy Medina. Ms. Medina "volunteered" in my primary election to mail a letter to her extensive network. My campaign provided her with postage for that mailing. After the primary election she again volunteered to do another mailing. She stated she would buy the postage. I agreed, and although she requested cash, I told her I needed a record of the expenditure. I gave her a check in the amount of \$350.00

If you should have any questions about my campaign report, I would appreciate your contacting me directly.

Yours truly,


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ARTICLE 14
Campaign Practices Act
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1-19-29.1. Campaign funds; limitation on use.

A. It is unlawful for any candidate or his agent to make an expenditure of contributions received, except for the following purposes or as otherwise provided in this section:

- (1) expenditures of the campaign;
- (2) expenditures of legislators that are reasonably related to performing the duties of the office held, including mail, telephone and travel expenditures to serve constituents, but excluding personal and legislative session living expenses;
- (3) donations to the state general fund;
- (4) donations to an organization to which a federal income tax deduction would be permitted under Subparagraph (A) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection (b) of Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (5) expenditures to eliminate the campaign debt of the candidate for the office sought or expenditures incurred by the candidate when seeking election to another public office covered by the Campaign Reporting Act [[1-19-25](#) to [1-19-36](#) NMSA 1978];
- (6) donations to a political party or to another candidate seeking election to public office; or
- (7) disbursements to return unused funds pro rata to the contributors if no campaign debt exists.

B. A judge subject to a nonpartisan retention election or a candidate for judicial office shall solicit or accept campaign funds and return unused funds in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

C. No contributions solicited for or received in a federal election campaign may be used in a state election campaign.