

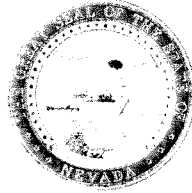
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## State of Nevada Senate

December 10, 2012

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Hon. Ross Miller  
Nevada Secretary of State  
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Dear General Masto and Secretary Miller:

The purpose of this letter is to alert you both to what appears to be a possible violation of Nevada's campaign finance laws, and to request that your respective offices investigate the activity described below.

It has come to our attention that the campaign finance reports recently filed by several legislative candidates include evidence of contributions from an entity described as "Barbara Buckley Campaign." These contributions total more than \$65,000 and were reported by at least 29 different candidates. Thus, it appears that a former legislator, namely Barbara Buckley, is maintaining an active campaign account more than two years after leaving office.

NRS 294A.160(6) requires that an elected official close his or her campaign account by no later than the 15th day of the second month after the expiration of his or her term of office. In spite of this requirement, it appears that Ms. Buckley did not close her account upon her leaving office and, instead, maintained more than \$500,000 in her account and then distributed some, but not all, of that money to various candidates and other recipients over the past two years. Although some media reports of this scheme suggest that Ms. Buckley purports to be taking advantage of a legal "loophole" that allows a former legislator who is a candidate for another office to keep their campaign account open past the time limit imposed by NRS 294A.160(6), Ms. Buckley was not a candidate for any office in 2010 or 2012, and apparently does not acknowledge being a candidate at the present time.

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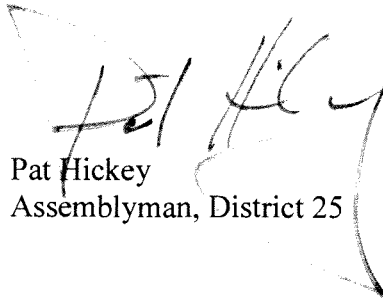
We have heard from several constituents and other observers of the electoral process who share our concern about what appears to be an end-run around, if not a violation of, Nevada's campaign finance laws. In light of these concerns, we request that your respective offices investigate this matter and advise us of your findings. Your findings may assist us in evaluating whether legislative action may be required during the upcoming legislative session.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to our request. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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