

REMINDER – NO LOBBYIST \$\$ DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The State Elections Enforcement Commission reminds all concerned individuals of the ban on the solicitation and donation of political campaign contributions by registered lobbyists and their affiliated political action committees (PACs). There have been revisions to the laws and are now two different bans that apply to such solicitations and donations: (1) a temporary ban while the General Assembly is in session that applies to all individuals or entities that are registered with the Office of State Ethics as a “client lobbyist,” and their affiliated PACs and (2) a permanent (year round) ban that applies to all individuals or entities registered as a “communicator lobbyist,” and their affiliated PACs as well as members of their immediate family. The permanent ban applies whether or not you intend to participate in the newly created Citizens’ Election Program for the 2008 Campaign. Accordingly you may not solicit or accept contributions from a communicator lobbyist, member of the immediate family of any such lobbyist, or PAC established or controlled by any such lobbyist or family member. Again, the Office of State Ethics maintains a listing of all communicator lobbyists.

The temporary ban begins from the time the General Assembly convenes in regular session on February 6, 2008 and continues until adjournment sine die on May 7, 2008. Candidates for (1) Statewide office, (2) General Assembly and (3) political committees that failed to certify that they were “not established (a) for an assembly or senatorial district, (b) by an elected statewide official, a member of the General Assembly or their agent, or (c) in consultation with or at the request or suggestion of any such official, member or their agent, or controlled by such official, member or agent,” are prohibited from receiving such donations or benefiting from such solicitations during the session. See Sections 1-91(l), (u) and (v), General Statutes, for the definition of “lobbyist,” “client lobbyist” and “communicator lobbyist;” and Section 9-610(e), (h) and (i), General Statutes, for the application of the bans.

The State Elections Enforcement Commission has provided to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Republican Leader, the House Minority Leader, and each Statewide officer, a copy of its updated list of “Political Committees Established by or on behalf of a Lobbyist” as well as an updated “Prohibited Recipients List of Political Committees.” Copies of these lists are available to each legislator from these leaders as well as by accessing the Commission’s website located at <http://www.ct.gov/seec/cwp/view.asp?a=2357&Q=330190&PM=1>. Any questions concerning application of the lobbyist contribution bans or any other provision of the State’s campaign financing laws should be directed to the Commission at 860-256-2940, Legal Compliance Unit, or toll free outside of the Hartford local calling area at: 1-866-733-2463.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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