INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTING

44.11.502 (8) ARM, reporting independent expenditures:

- (a) shall be reported in accordance with the procedures for reporting other expenditures;
- (b) a person making an independent expenditure shall report the name of the candidate or committee the independent expenditure was intended to benefit, and the fact the expenditure was independent; and
- (c) the candidate or political committee benefiting from the independent expenditure does not have to report the expenditure.

Who Does it Benefit?

Under the purpose tab, include the name of the candidate that the IE was intended to benefit (you may also include opposed candidate name)

Corporate Funds

If the funds used for the IE came from a corporation, be sure to check the "paid out of corportion funds" box. Reminder - committees should segregate all corporation funds

Quantity & Detail

Under the purpose tab, include quantity. Like any other expenditure, specifically describe the purpose, quantity, subject matter, as appropriate to each expenditure

Support/Issue

Always report the name of the candidate or ballot issue **supported** in the candidate/issue tab.

"Independent expenditure" means an expenditure for an election communication to support or oppose a candidate or ballot issue made at any time that is not coordinated with a candidate or ballot issue committee. 13-1-101 (25), MCA

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