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NOTICE

On March 31, 2016, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky ordered, effective immediately, that the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance may no longer enforce the corporate contribution ban in a manner that results in unequal treatment of corporations, unions, and LLCs. In addition, the Court ordered that corporations, LLCs, and unions are entitled to equal treatment in the exercise of a PAC option, including state PACs. *Protect My Check v. Dilger, et al.*, C.A. # 3:15-42-GFVT. A Judgment issued by the Court on July 19, 2016, made the March ruling permanent. Based on the Court's ruling, the Registry will enforce the law as follows:

- All corporations, LLCs, and unions are to be treated equally under Kentucky's campaign finance law;
- Under Kentucky's campaign finance law, "corporation" means any corporation, company, partnership, joint stock company, or association;
- Corporations may sponsor and administer a state Permanent Committee (PAC) and pay the state PAC's administrative expenses from corporate funds;
- Corporations remain prohibited from making contributions directly to candidates, slates of candidates, or committees, but may sponsor and administer a state PAC, and pay the state PAC's administrative expenses from corporate funds;
- Unions and LLCs may sponsor and administer a state PAC and pay the state PAC's administrative expenses from union or LLC funds; and
- Unions and LLCs are prohibited from making contributions directly to candidates, slates of candidates, or committees, but may sponsor and administer a state PAC, and pay the state PAC's administrative expenses from union or LLC funds.

Please contact the Registry's General Counsel, Emily Dennis, at 502-573-2226, if you have questions regarding candidate contribution limits or this notice.

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